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Welcome Rains

A SPOILT week-end is perhaps a small price to pay for today's high hopes that our long drought may be over and that Sunday's deluge reinforced by overnight showers are the precursor of even more bountiful falls. The prospect is welcome in that the possibility of further restrictions in our water hours now appears to be completely extinguished. In fact, the hope is abroad that there will be early relief in the form of an increase of the daily ration.

But while the week-end weather seems to have vindicated Mr. Bowring's optimism earlier this year, Hongkong may agree that he has been uncommonly lucky in his predictions and that the weather has, for once, obediently complied with the portents and statistics on which he based his observations. We may even have in Mr. Bowring and our Royal Observatory a second Inigo Jones but until their fame is established a cautious water policy is still essential.

The authorities would indeed be rash to increase supply hours too hurriedly. The anxiety of last Summer and the following dry Winter is too recent to be forgotten and it would be preferable to wait until the reservoir levels are considerably higher than at present before allowing the Colony the luxury of an increased supply.

When the time comes the Authority should also consider providing water twice daily—possibly for two or three hours in the morning as well as three hours at night. Summer dictates this need. The communal tub filled overnight for use in the morning may be barely tolerable in the Winter but, where the family is concerned, it is an affront to decency and cleanliness as the weather grows warmer.

Peace Moves

SIR Anthony Eden's Saturday night call for a "supreme effort" to bring about Big Four talks with Russia will be welcomed by all who earnestly desire an end to postwar tensions and an opportunity to come to terms with the Communists. These need not be dictated by either Moscow or Washington but if the conference is approached with goodwill, tolerance and the spirit of compromise, some good may be achieved.

Cynics sneer and point to the intransigence of the Kremlin and the inflexibility of State Department policy as justification for their pessimism. London's more conciliatory and even-minded approach is often ignored and its influence discounted by the sceptical observer. Yet to subscribe to these views would be to ignore realities and particularly the situation that has developed in the last few weeks over Formosa and Austria, even though ulterior motives may be involved in the Communists' new approach.

Sir Anthony Eden is obviously one who subscribes to the belief that politics is the art of the possible. His call was made on the hustings and its vote-catching appeal to the electorate cannot be denied. Yet it would be unworthy, even untrue to ascribe this as the sole motive for his statement. For the possibility of success cannot be denied.

Menon  
Hears For  
Tokyo

Peking Visit Raises  
Cautious Hopes

Manila, May 9.  
Mr. Krishna Menon, India's top diplomatic adviser, left for Tokyo aboard an Air India Constellation at midnight last night (Manila time).

He will return to Hongkong or Canton on Tuesday morning. Mr. Menon said before his departure that argument between the United States and Communist China over the Matsu-Quemoy area was "very tough" and it would be a mistake to expect spectacular results from his Peking visit.

"All we can hope for is to effect slight changes in their thinking and eventually bring them to compromise," Mr. Menon's halt in Manila on his way to Communist China was unexpected. He was to have landed at Hongkong but was diverted to Manila because of a tropical storm.—Reuter.

NEW DELHI RESTRAINT  
New Delhi, May 8.  
Indian official quarters are restrained in their hopes for success of Mr. Menon's mission to Peking for talks with Premier Chou En-lai on the Formosa crisis.

There is no expectation of dramatic developments but officials hope that by acting as an "honest broker" with intimate contacts with both sides, Mr. Menon can allay suspicions, explain attitudes and encourage an atmosphere of trust which could lead to a solution.

According to usually reliable sources, Mr. Menon has gone to Peking with no definite plan for solving the crisis but hopes that discussions on the lines of those he has already had in Washington and London might suggest a way out of the impasse.

ONE OBJECTIVE  
Mr. Menon has a reputation for considerable diplomatic resilience and complete discretion in tackling such difficult problems. He tries to separate various issues, clarify points and thereby see if the overall solution can ultimately be reached through small concessions.

Mr. Menon is understood to be going to make a bid for the release of the 11 American airmen, alleged to be Communists for alleged espionage. This would help to disarm American suspicion of Peking's bona fides in offering discussions and would have a good effect on American opinion.

Mr. Menon is due back in Delhi by May 25, one week before Mr. Nehru leaves for a state visit to Moscow. Mr. Menon may later go on to Washington and London to offer first-hand impressions of his talks.—Reuter.

Girl Murdered

London, May 8.  
The unclashed body of an eight-year-old girl was found murdered this afternoon in the woods at Haydon Bridge, (Northumberland), only a few hundred yards from her home.

The girl, Maureen Ann Hobson, who was wearing only her shoes, had been missing since yesterday afternoon.—France-Press.

Support For  
British Proposal  
Believed Given  
ANNOUNCEMENT IN  
NEXT 48 HOURS

Paris, May 8.  
Belief hardened in Atlantic pact conference circles here tonight that the United States would in the next 48 hours withdraw its objections to Britain's plan for a conference of world leaders.

Delegates of the "Big Three" powers said a final decision on whether the West would propose to Moscow an early meeting of heads of government or of foreign ministers depended upon current consultations between President Eisenhower and his Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles.

But many diplomatic observers here believed an American decision to accept the British proposal had already been made.

They thought delay in disclosing it was designed to avoid giving an impression that Washington had sharply reversed the attitude it has maintained for the past two years.

Two reasons cited for this deduction were:  
1. Continued publicity given by British quarters to the arguments advanced by Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Foreign Secretary in favour of a "summit meeting."

2. The cautious attitude of American circles in emphasising again today that the United States attitude was not inflexible and that one of President Eisenhower's main concerns was only that he should not absent himself from his capital for a long time.

It was thought unlikely that Mr. Macmillan would put himself in the position of risking a blunt "no" from Mr. Dulles at a time when the question could become a big party issue in the current British election campaign. It was possible, therefore, that he had already received a private assurance of America's agreement from Mr. Dulles.—Reuter.

INVITATION DECISION  
The Western powers agreed here tonight to invite Russia to a four-power conference on European problems this summer but did not decide whether to propose a conference of heads of government or foreign ministers.

The status of the meeting suggested will be decided in the next two days, following further consultations between Mr. John Foster Dulles and President Eisenhower.

Tonight's agreement was reached at a four-hour session of the British, French and American foreign ministers at the French Foreign Office, Dr. Konrad Adenauer joined them for the last two hours of their talks.

The "Big Three" also agreed to suggest to Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, a meeting in Vienna at the end of this week to sign the long-delayed treaty ending the occupation of Austria.

An invitation to a major conference on German unity, European security and possible world disarmament will go to Moscow probably on Wednesday. This will follow discussion of the proposal by all 15 ministers of the Atlantic Pact Council opening a session here tomorrow.

over-piece rates would be investigated as soon as they went back to work. The 2,800 miners of Mansfield, second largest pit in the affected area, today voted to resume work, but nine neighbouring pits all decided to continue the stoppage.

Firm "back to work" decisions had been taken, at 15 pits by this evening but it will not be clear until the day shifts are due to report for work tomorrow whether the strike is, in fact, falling out.

The 2,600 miners of Marichman main pit, where the dispute began, tonight decided to continue the strike.—Reuter.

Preparing  
The Austrian  
Treaty



The Big Four talks which may bring freedom to occupied Austria and big changes in Europe are proceeding in Vienna. The Ambassadors of Britain, the United States, France and Russia, are conferring in an effort to reach final agreement on Austria's much delayed Peace Treaty. Pictured here are the Russian delegation (left) and the Austrian delegation.—London Express.

Torrential Rains  
Water  
Storage  
Benefits

The Colony's water storage during the 24 hours ended 8 a.m., today has improved by 237.55 million gallons, according to an official statement issued this morning by the Water Authority.

The yield for the previous 24 hours ended 8 a.m. Sunday was 9.5 million gallons. The total storage is now 1,808.8 million gallons, leaving nearly 4,200 million gallons still required to fill the reservoirs.

More than three and a half inches of rain fell between midnight and 10 o'clock this morning, according to official figures. 6.77 INCHES

The actual amount recorded was 3.68 inches, bringing the total rainfall since midnight last Saturday to 6.77 inches. Heaviest rainfall this morning was between 8 and 9 when 1.44 inches were registered.

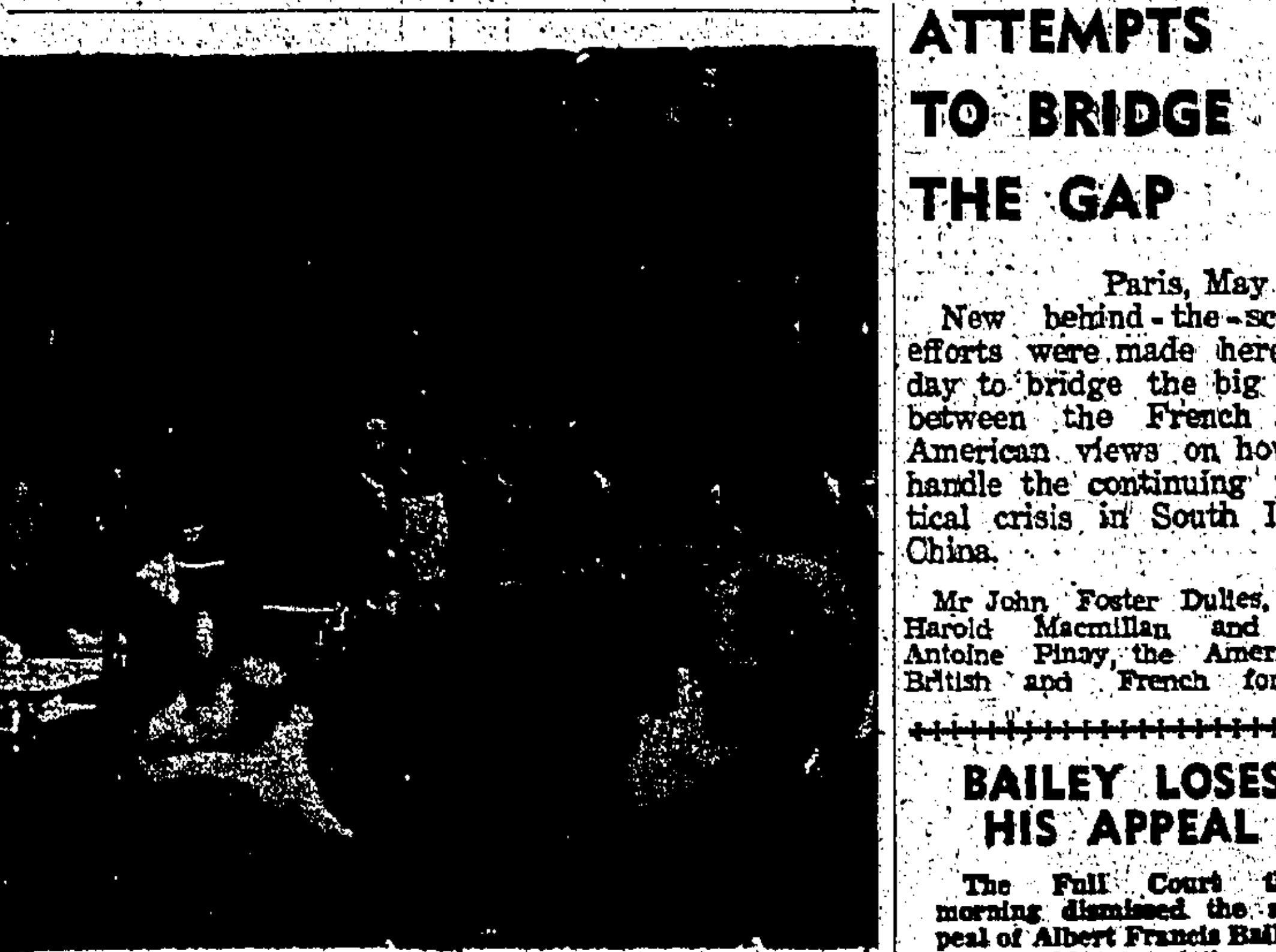
This morning's heavy downpour caused two landslides on the island. In Belcher Street some earth was dislodged and partially blocked the road, but it was soon cleared by PWD workers. No casualties were reported.

Other landslides occurred on Island Road near Chai Wan Village, Section 3, at 9 this morning. Some rocks and earth were dislodged from the mountain side of Island Road blocking the road. Traffic was resumed in a short time after PWD workers had cleared the obstruction. No one was injured.

PLANES HELD-UP  
The torrential rain and heavy overcast this morning played havoc with the schedules at Kai Tak. PAA from Tokyo, BOAC from Okinawa and JAL from Okinawa, however, for hours over the airport before the "ceiling" lifted shortly after 10 a.m.

One by one the planes dashed in to land amid clouds of spray from huge puddles on the runway. There was only one departure—a Qantas DC-4 aircraft which took off for Iwakuni at 10.23 a.m. more than an hour overdue.

Franco-US Disagreement  
Over S. Vietnam Continues



ATTEMPTS TO BRIDGE THE GAP  
Paris, May 8.  
New behind-the-scenes efforts were made here today to bridge the big gap between the French and American views on how to handle the continuing political crisis in South Indo-China.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, Mr. Harold Macmillan and M. Antoine Pinay, the American, British and French foreign ministers, were meeting at a dinner at the American Ambassador's house here tonight and diplomatic sources said they would again take up the Vietnam question.

Earlier today, the Vietnam crisis was a main topic discussed between M. Pinay and Mr. Macmillan at lunch. Finally, Bao Dai, Head of State of Vietnam, was visited by M. Henry Lafont, French Secretary for Indo-China, for what was termed a one-hour "purely formal" visit during which they reviewed the situation in Vietnam.

Tomorrow, the "big three" Western foreign ministers are again expected to discuss Vietnam at lunch.

NO NEARER  
There was a formal meeting between the Big Three yesterday at which Premier Edgar Faure outlined the French view while Mr. Dulles outlined the American reasons for backing Mr. Diem at a private meeting with American journalists here last night.—Reuter.

US ENVOY'S DEATH  
New York, May 8.  
Mr. Joseph Flack, United States Ambassador in Warsaw, died at sea today in the liner "United States" on his way home from Poland, the shipping company announced today.

The cause of death was not stated. Mr. Flack had been recalled to Washington, where he was to have been appointed to another post.

Mr. Flack, who had been a career diplomat for 39 years, was 60. He was appointed envoy in Warsaw in 1950. He had held consular and diplomatic appointments in Liverpool, Paris and South Africa.

Mr. Flack was succeeded in Warsaw by Mr. Joseph Jacobs.—France-Press.

Plane Struck By Lightning  
New York, May 8.  
A British Overseas Airways Stratocruiser, carrying 48 passengers and a crew of 10 on a flight from London, landed safely here today 38 minutes after being struck by lightning.

One of the plane's radios was knocked out by the bolt, while the pilot was preparing to come down for a routine landing at Idlewild International Airport. The bolt startled the passengers, but an airline official said they remained calm. The plane immediately sent a message to the airport on an alternate radio that the big four-engine, double-deck plane had been hit by lightning. As a routine precaution, fire trucks and ambulances were rushed to the landing strip, ready for an emergency landing.

A radio wire was dangling loose and the crew feared the wire would get caught in the revolved propellers and cause more damage to the plane. But none of the emergency equipment was needed.—United Press.

Farms Fired On  
Calcutta, May 8.  
Four heavily armed and armed forces opened fire upon Karmia farms across the Ganga strip, border between the two countries, it was reported here tonight. No casualties or damage were reported.—France-Press.

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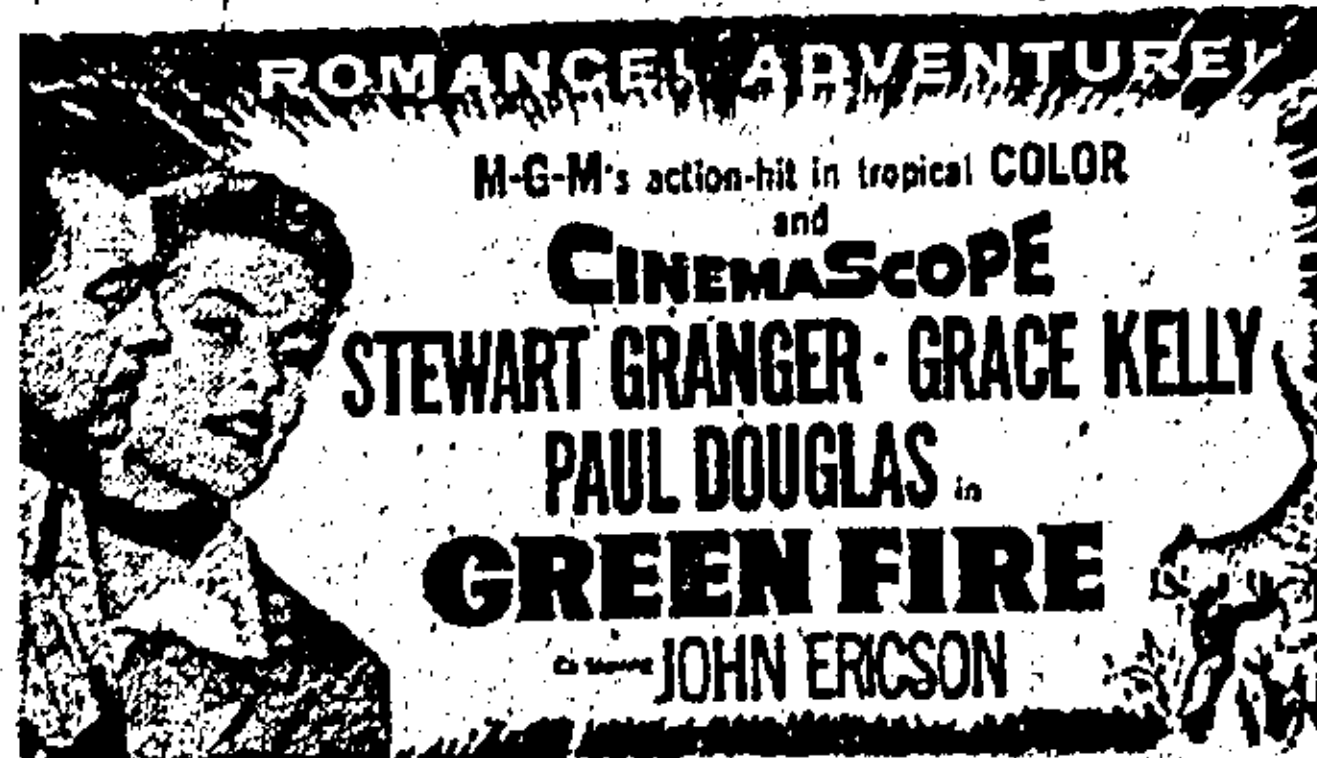
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POLITICAL PARTIES  
START CAMPAIGN  
IN EARNEST

London, May 9.

Three weeks from now about 30 million Britons will each write a cross on a slip of paper—a simple act which may profoundly affect their lives for the next five years.

The crosses will elect 630 politicians to the House of Commons, the lower house of Parliament. They will decide whether the Government of the country will be Labour or Conservative, depending on which of these two main political parties has most representatives among the 630.

Oddly the Labour Party may poll more total votes over the whole country than the Conservative Party—yet be defeated. This happened at the last General Election in 1951.

## HUGE MAJORITIES

This reason is that many of the Labour politicians stand for heavily populated industrial areas. They win election to Parliament by huge majorities—but each big majority still only means one seat in Parliament.

The last two General Elections in 1950 and 1951 have shown that the nation is divided almost equally between support of Conservatives and Labour. A small percentage of voters who swing one way or the other can decide which party will win and form the new government. Between four and five million of the total electorate of 35 million do not make up their votes at all at election because of illness, apathy and other reasons which experts have never been able to define in detail.

Everyone over 21 can vote except lunatics, undischarged bankrupts and long-term prisoners. Members of the Royal Family traditionally do not vote though there is no constitutional bar to their doing so.

Candidates for Parliament need not be attached to any party. Anyone can stand except foreigners, English peers, high court and county court judges and permanent Government civil servants.

Catholic priests and clergymen of the Church of England are also barred from standing for the House of Commons though Ministers of other religious denominations do so.

## OTHER PARTIES

Crushed between the two giant parties are small parties, such as the Liberals and the Communists. There are also Scottish and Welsh Nationalists wanting separate parliaments for their own countries and Irishmen, seeking to join Northern Ireland — part of the United Kingdom — to Southern Ireland, which is a Republic.

The Liberals, once the biggest power in the country but now fallen on hard times, are the most important and play a big part in deciding the fate of the main parties. About 2,500,000 of the country's voters are Liberal sympathisers. But since the party is putting up only 120 candidates this means that in 910 election areas or constituencies, as they are called, Liberal supporters must decide whether to mark their cross for the Conservative or for the Labour candidate.

## WOMEN CONSERVATIVE

Statistics show that British women are more Conservative than men. At the last election in 1951 Labour had a minority of almost a million among men voters, but a majority of a million among women voters.

An important factor in the May 28 General Election will be the fate of about 100 "marginal" seats where either Labour or Conservative won in 1951 by only a small majority. The smallest margin of all was in the north of England constituency of Preston South, where a Labour candidate won by only 10 votes.—China Mail Special.



The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, inspects the guard of honour of the Special Air Services (Artists' Rifles) when he arrived at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, for the Royal Academy of Arts banquet.—Reuterphoto.

## \$104,500 JACKPOT

## ON THE ICE

A FORTUNE WHEN  
IT MOVES

Nenana, Alaska, May 8.

Settlers from all parts of this huge far northern territory turned their eyes toward this central Alaska riverboat town today as signs increased that the Tanana River ice pack would break soon and pay off a \$104,500 jackpot.

Whoever guesses closest to the exact time of the breakup, which traditionally heralds the coming of spring to Alaska will collect his winnings.

Large crowds thronged along the River bank today watching the wooden tripod which will pull a taut wire and stop a time clock when the groaning ice pack moves.

## FEVER PITCH

A last-minute emergency arose yesterday when it was discovered the clock did not appear to be operating correctly. However, a jeweller was flown here from Fairbanks to check the clock. He pronounced it in good working order and excitement steadily mounted to fever pitch.

Old timers, dampened the enthusiasm slightly when they said the rotten ice still could hold on for a few days. But two radio networks had set up broadcast booths and the Nenana Ice Pool Corporation had placed its round-the-clock guard on the official clock to guard against any tampering with the switch.

The guard is placed when the ice-break appears near. The Tanana's waters were rising steadily and ice was crumbling just below the tripod last night.

In the 35-year-old history of the Tanana Pool, the earliest breakup occurred in April 20, 1940, and the latest in May 16, 1945.

As many as 20 or 30 persons often pick the same minute. Many persons have made their fortune by the right guess. In 1928, Solomon Simonson, a young anchorage high school student, creamed the Tanana ice would go out at 4:03 p.m. on April 26. He paid \$1 for a ticket and shared in the \$20,000 pot.

Some folks use the scientific approach, compiling statistics during several years. Others, especially Indians, rely on signs of nature. But most persons just make a guess and trust to luck.—United Press.

EINSTEIN'S LIFE  
TO BE FILMED

Burbank, Calif., May 8. Plans for an early film of "The Life of Albert Einstein" based on the career of the late scientist and mathematician have been announced by Warner Brothers.—China Mail Special.

Helmstedt, May 8. A car driver who halted for an hour at the East German border barrier here and then told police he thought it was a level crossing, was sent to prison for a week for drunken driving.—China Mail Special.

Five-Day  
Silk Congress  
In Brussels

Brussels, May 9.

More than 450 delegates from 22 countries are to attend the five-day international silk congress which begins work here today.

The 22-man Japanese delegation, including two Government representatives, will be one of the largest at the congress, which groups both producing and consuming countries.

Discussion of the Japanese raw silk stabilisation law, which was voted in 1952, will also be one of the congress highlights.

A source close to the congress organising committee said this law, which was passed after recommendations by earlier meetings of the International Silk Association, was "not functioning perfectly."

## PRICES FIXED

Under the law, floor, ceiling and prohibition prices for Japanese raw silk have been fixed. The Japanese Government can purchase raw silk at the floor price and sell it later to stabilise prices if they reach ceiling level.

But the source claimed that the stabilisation fund did not have sufficient money to function perfectly at present although the scheme was working better this year than since it was started in 1952.

The congress is also due to discuss a draft revision of the international classification of raw silk and the improvement of production methods.

The congress, fifth of its kind, will be officially opened here on Tuesday by M. Jean Rey, Belgian Economics Minister. Various committees are due to begin work on Monday.—China Mail Special.

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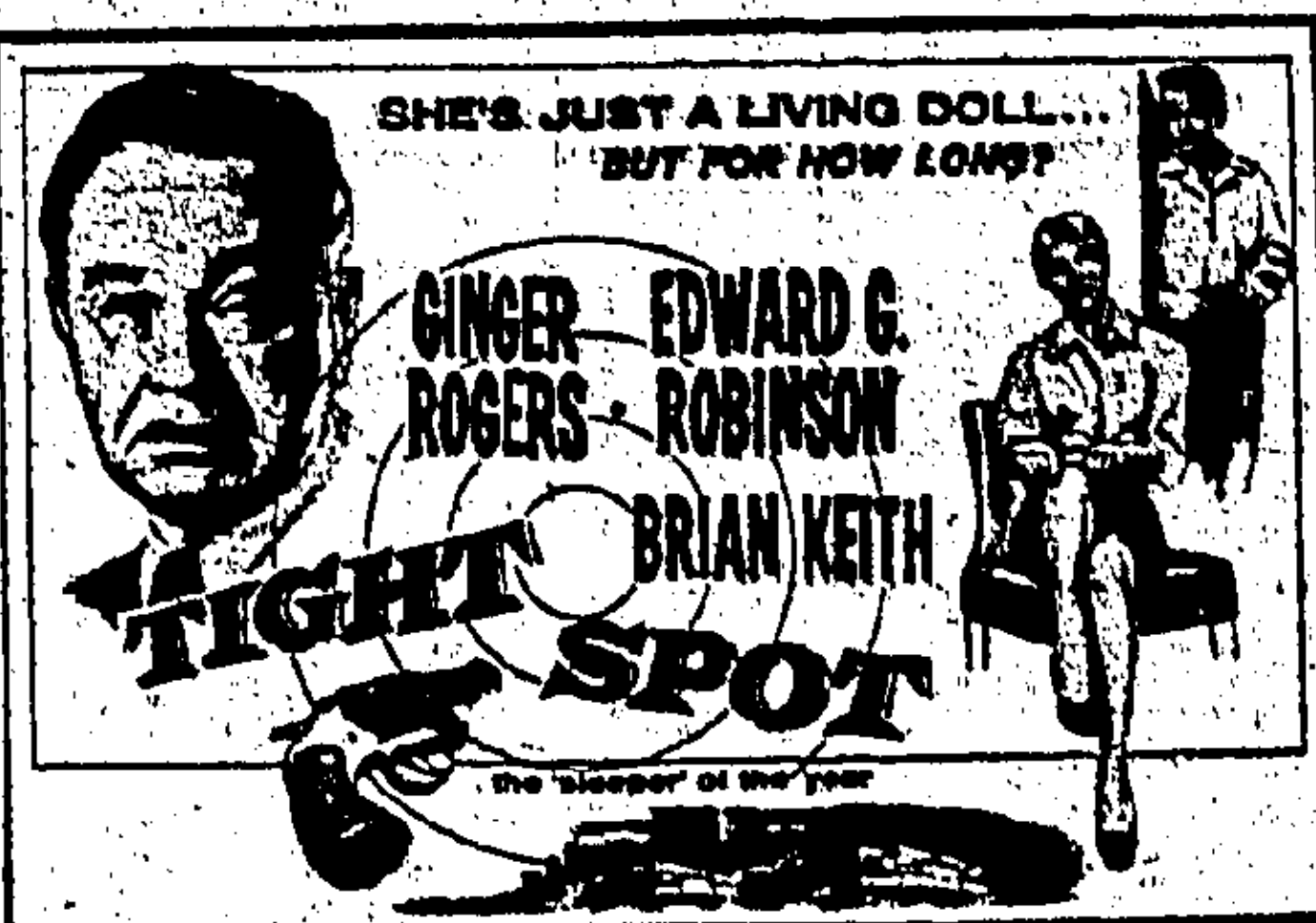
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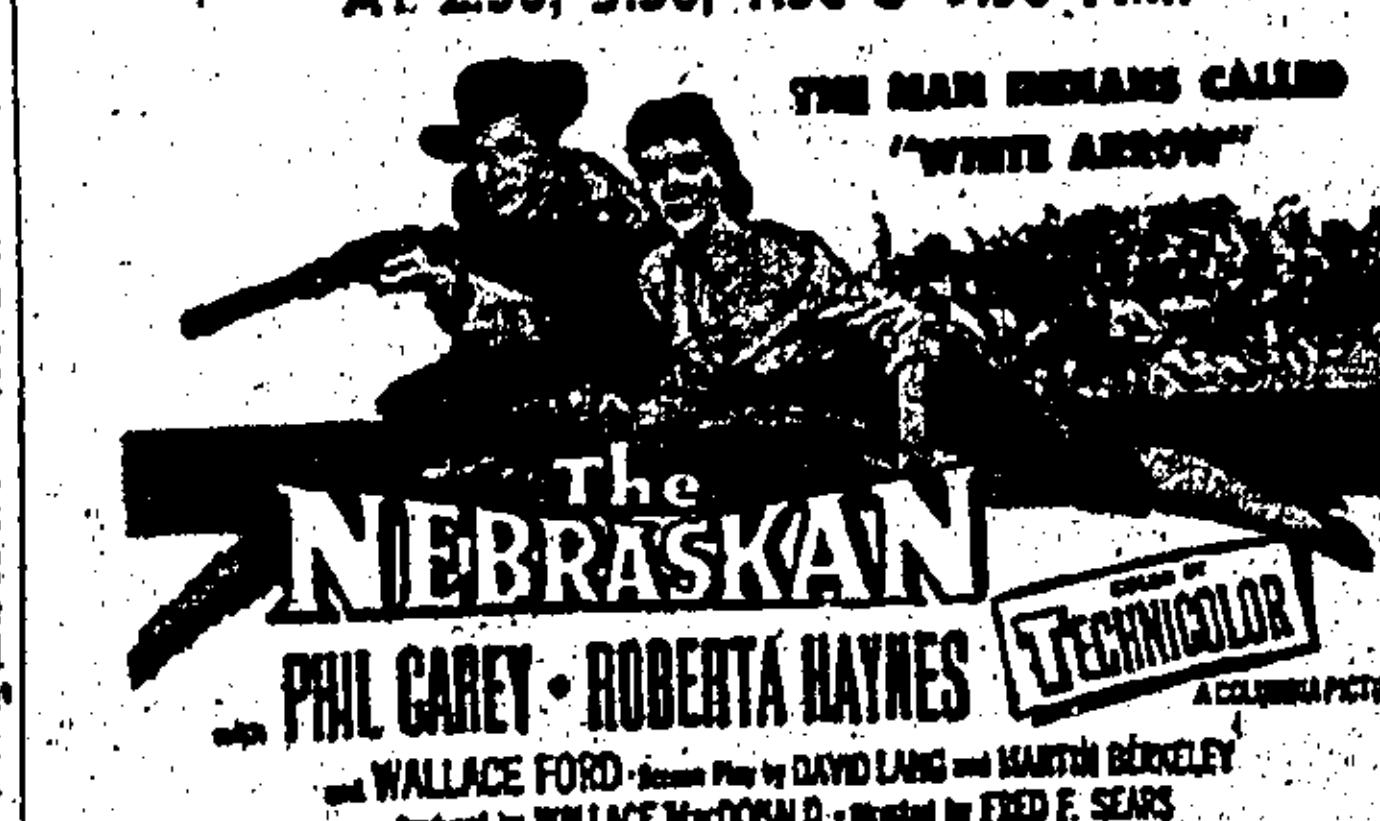
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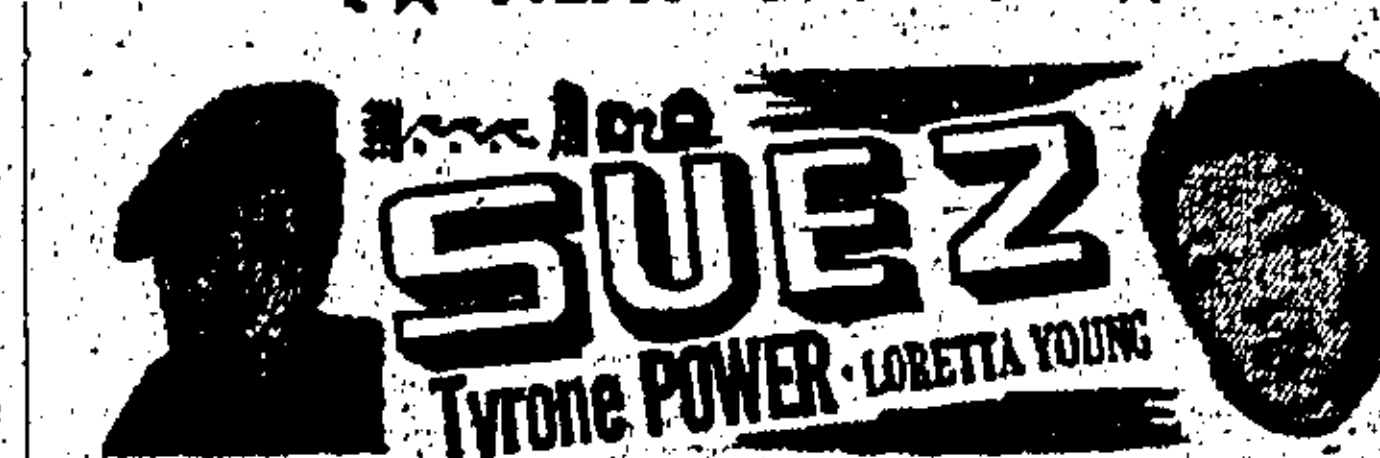
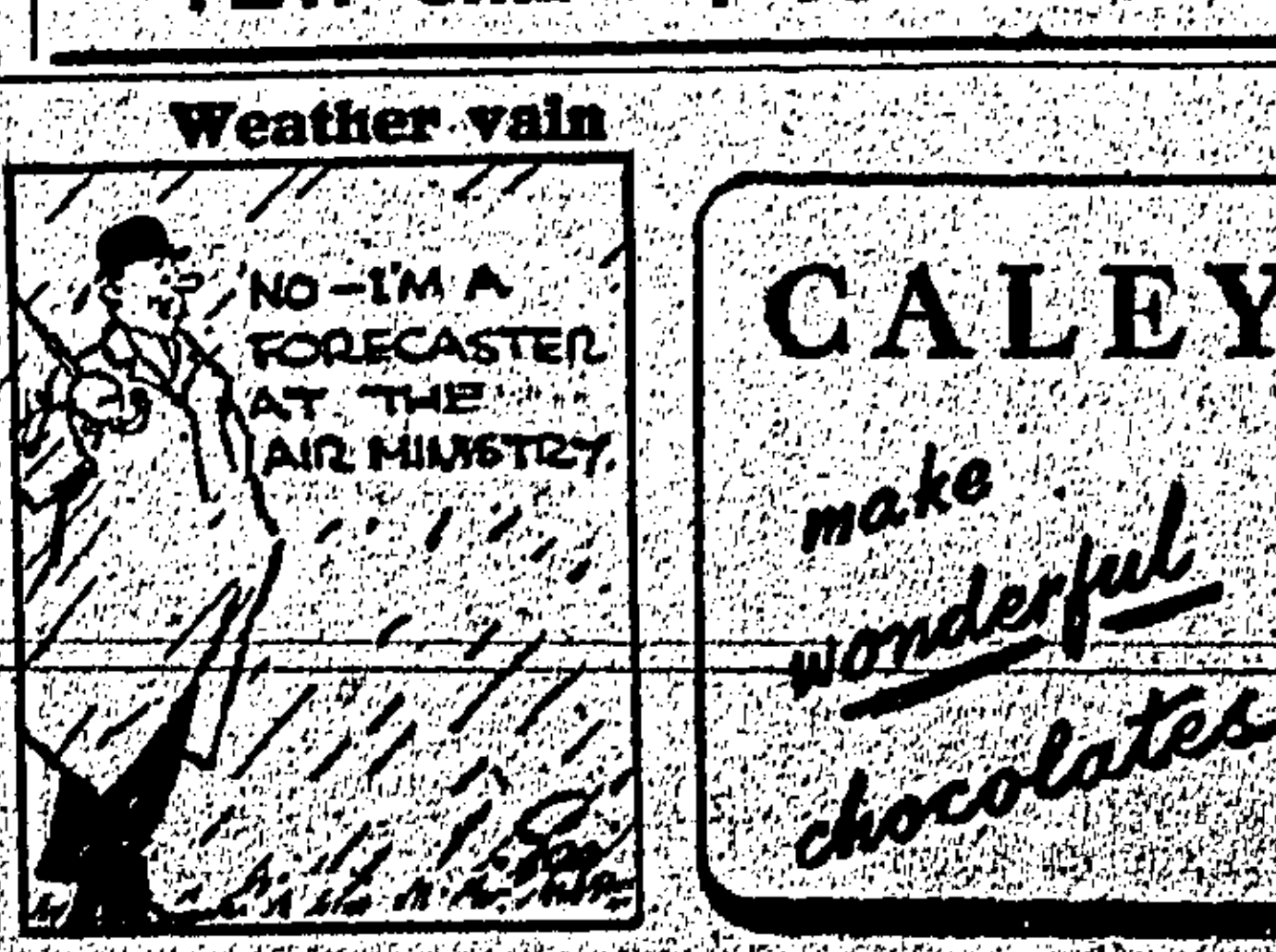
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## Pledges Of Peace Mixed With Warnings To Western Allies

London, May 8.

Communist Eastern Europe today celebrated the defeat of Nazi Germany ten years ago with attacks on the West, pledges of peaceful co-existence and warnings against reborn German militarism.

In the West, VE-Day was honoured quietly and passed almost unnoticed.

Reuter despatches from both sides of the Iron Curtain gave this picture:

● Berlin: Marshal Georgi Zhukov, Soviet Defence Minister and "Conqueror of Berlin," declared at an East Berlin ceremony that the "threat" of the Paris treaties returning Western Germany blocked the way to a peaceful re-union of Germany and threatened a new war.

### LOYAL FRIENDS

This made it necessary for East Germany "and its loyal friends" to take the necessary measures to guarantee security and maintain world peace.

Marshal Zhukov, who led the victorious Soviet armies into shattered Berlin ten years ago, said the Soviet people wanted good neighbourly relations with the West German people as well as with other peoples.

Herr Walter Ulbricht, First Secretary of the East German Communist Party, said:

"First the Paris treaties and the treaty of the West European Union must be abandoned so that representatives of the West German state have the right to carry out joint discussions with representatives of the German Democratic Republic on reunification and particularly on the preparations for all-German elections."

● Moscow: Writing in the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, today, Marshal Zhukov sharply attacked the Supreme Allied commanders in Europe, General Alfred Gruenther, and his deputy, Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, and scorned Western defence strategy as "absurd."

The Marshal said Western bases, set up in various countries as part of United States defensive strategy, are absurd "since they are so far from the object which they are supposed to be defending that they can be destroyed one by one at any moment."

### BRANDISHING BOMBS

Marshal Zhukov said General Gruenther and Field Marshal Montgomery were "brandishing atomic and hydrogen bombs."

### Controllers Of Purse Strings

Paris, May 8.  
Three out of four French workers allow their wives to control the household purse strings but businessmen are more cautious and 19 of every 20 pay their own bills.  
Official statistics published here on the place of women in French life also reveal that female executives are flourishing. There are 3,000,000 with executive jobs compared with 4,000,000 men. — China Mail Special.

### Duke Arrives In Naples VISITING WAR CEMETERIES

Naples, May 8.  
The Duke of Gloucester, uncle of Queen Elizabeth of England, arrived here today by air to visit war cemeteries. He was accompanied by Field Marshal Earl Alexander, Commander-in-Chief of the wartime Allied forces in Italy.

The Duke, who is President of the Imperial War Graves Commission, will visit all the war cemeteries on Italian soil, beginning tomorrow with those at Caserta, Cassino and Minturno. He will then go on to Rome, where he will be the guest of the British Ambassador, Sir Ashley Clarke.

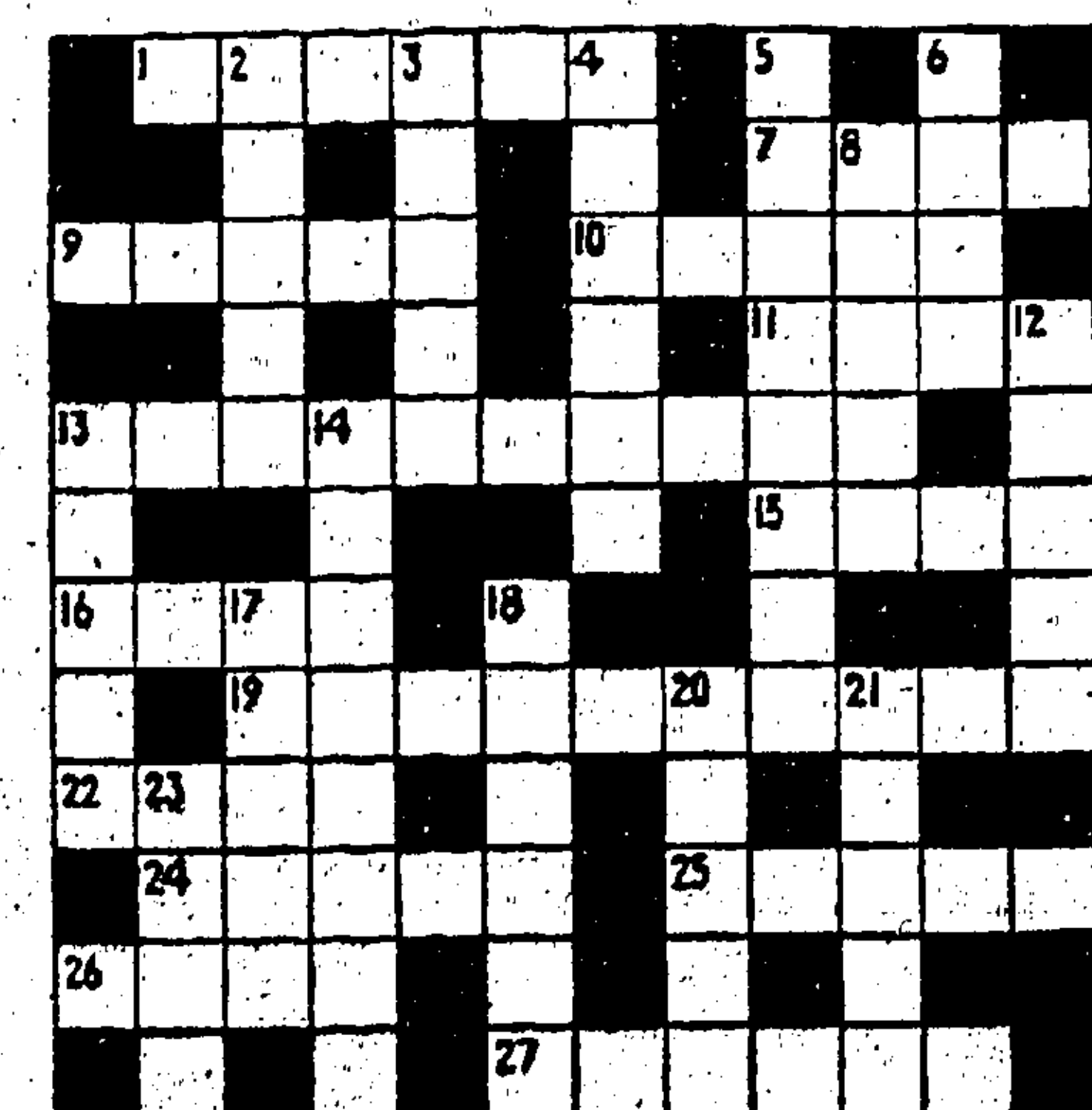
On the way to Naples today, he flew over the Salerno beaches, the scene of desperate fighting when the Allies landed there in September, 1943. — France-Press.

### China Thanks Russia For Victory

Tokyo, May 8.  
A MASS rally to bid farewell to the departing Soviet armed forces stationed in the Port Arthur area was held there yesterday when 110,000 people, representing all sections of the local population, took part. The New China News Agency, monitored here, reported.

A big scarlet streamer hanging across the decorated rostrum read: "Thanks to the Soviet armed forces who defeated the Japanese invaders and helped our people to win liberation."  
Farwell speeches were made by representatives of the Port Arthur-Dairen Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, and Commanders of the Soviet armed forces. The rally concluded with the exchange of banners and gifts. — France-Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



- | ACROSS                     | DOWN                  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Frothbit (8).            | 2 Dislike (5).        |
| 7 Foray (4).               | 3 Fish (5).           |
| 8 Similar (5).             | 4 Obstinate (6).      |
| 10 Birds (5).              | 5 Gifts (6).          |
| 11 Ancestor (4).           | 6 Rank (4).           |
| 12 Recollected (10).       | 7 Apart (5).          |
| 13 Tidings (4).            | 8 Relieved (5).       |
| 14 Deposited (4).          | 9 Vexes (5).          |
| 15 Set in opposition (10). | 10 Ratified (8).      |
| 22 Arouse (4).             | 11 Cake covering (5). |
| 23 Insertion (5).          | 12 Standing (6).      |
| 24 Labour (5).             | 13 Vary (5).          |
| 25 Egg on (4).             | 14 Attempts (5).      |
| 27 Accent (9).             | 15 Weary (4).         |

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Warmth, 4 Bide, 7 Organs, 8 Flank, 10 Cuts, 12 Meander, 15 Tenor, 16 Tire, 17 Clan, 18 Dinner, 20 Kettle, 21 Dawn, 22 Means, 24 Teuton, 25 Adult, 26 Spurns, Down: 1 Woodcock, 2 Regatta, 3 Hint, 5 Relentless, 6 Ringer, 8 Part, 11 Bedtime, 12 Model, 13 Disaster, 14 Remnants, 18 Legend, 22 Knap.

### Mountbattens Admire Cloth At BIF



Admiring a lace cloth on the Cyprus stand at the British Industries Fair at Olympia, London, are Admiral Earl Mountbatten and Lady Mountbatten. Lord Mountbatten performed the official opening ceremony at the Fair. — Reuterphoto.

### War Criminals Released

Berlin, May 9.  
Three German war criminals, jailed for 15 years for killing war prisoners, have been released from the British war crimes prison at Werl. — China Mail Special.

### HOLIDAY INSURANCE SCHEME

Munich, May 8.  
Germans spending their holidays in neighbouring countries will in future look out of the hotel window less gloomily than previously when a steady downpour spoils their fun.

When they get home they can collect a handsome sum from an insurance firm which insures against rainy holidays its 5,000 resort towns in Germany and abroad.

The firm, Allianz of Munich, started its "rain insurance" two years ago, for selected places in Germany only. Though it has lost four million marks (about £335,000, sterling) so far in the venture, it has now extended protection to more than 2,000 resorts in seven foreign countries.

Anyone going to these resorts in Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Norway and Sweden can take out an insurance against rain. Payments are always in German currency and the new insurance is therefore no drain on the German foreign currency reserves.

Allianz plans to extend protection by June 1 also to Italy, north of the Po River, and to Denmark. It says it is impossible so far to extend it farther south because of "too unstable" weather conditions there. — China Mail Special.

Las Vegas, May 8.  
The 14th and last atomic explosion of the current series in the United States will not be set off tomorrow as arranged, because of unfavourable weather conditions. It was learnt here today. — France-Press.

## US ALLEGATIONS China Sells Rice But Rations Country

Washington, May 8.  
Communist China has rationed the food supplies of its people in order to export rice and grains in exchange for materials to build heavy industry and boost its war potential, the United States Information Agency said today.

It said a Communist trade mission in Tokyo offered the Japanese "more than 120,000 tons of rice in return for copper, aluminium, steel products, ships and rolling stock."  
Reporting that a campaign was under way to cut down the population's rice consumption, the agency quoted Deputy Premier Chen Yun as stating: "We consider this (exporting grain) entirely necessary. We must import machines in large quantities to build our industrial base. The main commodities that can be exported are farm products."  
Grain, edible oils, cotton and cotton cloth have been rationed in Communist China for many months, USIS said. Reports of "peasants' food shortages and scattered areas, spring famines, are currently appearing in the Red Chinese press. — United Press.

### Moscow Experiments With Traffic Lights

Moscow, May 8.  
Moscow city, faced by the same problem of traffic congestion that worries Western town authorities, is introducing automatically regulated traffic lights for the first time.

Most of Moscow's traffic lights, including those at all the busiest crossroads, are operated day and night by traffic police sitting in special look-out towers.

Only some of the lights at smaller crossroads have hitherto worked automatically on a simple time system which is not dependent on the amount of traffic or the approach of a car.

### EVERY CROSSING

But now the system, common in many Western cities, is being introduced, under which cars travelling along stretches of certain main streets at a fixed speed will find the lights at green at every crossing.

So far this system, which the Russians call "the green wave," has been tried experimentally in only one place—between two points on the "Sadovaya ring," an eight-line "inner by-pass" which circles the city.

The regulation speed is 40 kilometres (25 miles) an hour. If a car travels faster or slower, it is liable to be caught by a red light.

Soon the "green wave," which the newspaper Evening Moscow said "has great advantages," will be extended to cover almost the whole "Sadovaya ring." — China Mail Special.

### European Armaments Community

Paris, May 8.  
The Permanent Armaments Committee, the setting up of which was agreed upon yesterday by the Council of the Western European Union (WEU) aims at eventually creating a European Armaments Community. — Authoritative sources stated here today.

The report on the setting up of the Permanent Committee, adopted yesterday, foresees two stages in achieving a European Armaments Community. These are:

1. The member countries (the seven WEU countries) may conclude bilateral or multilateral agreements, it is hoped rapidly.
2. Agreements will then subsequently be concluded with an increasing number of countries, members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Authoritative circles emphasised that the report was a compromise between the views of experts, who have been meeting here since January 17. — France-Press.

### 15 Executed In Yemen

Cairo, May 8.  
Mohammed El Badr, Crown Prince of the Yemen, said here today that 15 persons were executed after the recent coup d'etat in his country, and that when he returned to Sanaa, the capital, a constitutional government would be formed.

The Prince, who is on a visit to Cairo, to thank the Egyptian Government for its attitude in the crisis, said there was good reason to believe that "a foreign hand" was behind the revolt.

Addressing the Press on arrival by air, Prince El Badr added that those executed included Prince Abdullah, one-time Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Seif El Islamic Abbas, Governor of Sanaa.

The Prince and his delegation, which hopes to strengthen friendly relations with Egypt, were met by Colonel Hassan El Chafel, Minister for Social Affairs, representing the Premier, Gamal Nasser, and by Abdel Khaled Hassan, Secretary-General of the Arab League. The Prince will be the Government's guest for a week. — France-Press.



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# The lady of Cobweb Castle...

ELEVEN a.m. was the hour at which nearly all the staff gathered in the sitting-room for cocoa and biscuits. I had vaguely noticed that Nurse Davies was a pretty butterfly, but I do not think that I ever exchanged a word with her until she said breathlessly, one March morning: "I say, my Aunt Loo has got some old letters she wants you to see."

I answered warily, "I hope not wearily, 'Of what date?'"

"Oh! they're historical," beamed Nurse Davies, "absolutely up your street. She's one of your fans, reads all your books. She's completely loopy—hence 'Aunt Loo'."

"Though she's not really my aunt, thank God! I say, I didn't mean to be rude. She's frightfully learned."

"She lives in a castle up in Yorkshire, all cobwebs and mice, so we call her Miss Havisham, too—after the film, you know."

## Biggest discovery

I said that I was afraid I went to films very seldom; but Nurse Davies had a message to deliver.

"She calls them 'Queen Anne's Letters,' and she says it's not the one you think, when she says that. They're the letters of the Queen Anne who married the man who murdered the little prince in the Tower, and they're all written to her sister."

"The letters of Anne Neville, Queen-Consort of Richard III," I supplied, "to Isabel, Duchess of Clarence."

"I said you'd know," nodded Nurse Davies. "And I was to

tell you that they're the biggest discovery since the Puston letters. Her father bought them in a lot, at a country sale, ages ago—from some old bishop's library."

I must admit that I pricked up my ears.

"Has she approached any authorities?" Nurse Davies waved an airy hand. "Aunt Loo's against all authorities. She's always having rows with



them. She wants you to see them, and make them into a book, and it'll be a best-seller, a sort of historical 'who-dunnit'."

"If the letters are addressed to the Duchess of Clarence," I reflected, "they will not tell us whether Richard III murdered his nephews. For the Duchess predeceased them by seven years."

It was not until I was in the train, on my way to stay the night with the lady of whom I shall always think as Miss Havisham, that I realised why that name was familiar. I had taken, for a long journey, a long book—Great Expectations, by Charles Dickens.

It was a new edition, illustrated by pictures from a recent film, Miss Havisham! Of course! The old woman with flying white hair, whose reason had failed since she had been de-

scribed on her wedding-day. Where on earth was I going? Acquiring posters asked me: "Is your journey really necessary?" I wondered.

The castle at which I was decanted in the spring dust appeared dreadfully dubious. I learned later that it had been built by Miss Havisham's father—in about 1870. I judged—regardless of cost. But it was certainly impressive, and so was its owner.

## A tornado

I arrived about five o'clock, but she was already dressed for dinner in a trailing black velvet garment, and a quantity of jewellery.

The Great Hall (strongly reminiscent of Westminster Hall) was packed with objects of all descriptions, the fruits of indiscriminating purchase.

There were knights in armour, sedan chairs, Beauvais suits, Crown Derby services, all check by jowl. I even saw a gondola.

Up in my cavernous bedroom, at 11 p.m., I realised that I was not to see Queen Anne's Letters tonight. For, from five to 11, Miss Havisham had talked. The woman was a perfect tornado. And, though she had a convenient habit of not bearing a direct question, indeed, of making one feel that royalty were not accustomed to such things, at the end of the evening I did not share Nurse Davies's belief that her aunt had been either at Oxford or Cambridge.

I may as well say at once that I never saw another soul in Miss Havisham's castle. There must have been a staff, for I heard footsteps slapping down stone corridors, at intervals, while we talked—or rather while she held forth.

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## A four-poster

I have always cherished a profound respect for Professor Beadon, but reviewers have been saying for half a century that he is not imaginative.

"A pure scholar," I agreed. "What happened?"

"Well, he told her, then and there, that they were absolutely bogus. He's quite fearless. But he sticks to it that, during the night, he heard her coming to murder him. Provisionally, he has a hygienic horror of curtains, and he's sleeping on a chair—longue next door."

I had the four-poster. I remembered.

Queen Anne's Letters were not there. During the next 10 minutes I searched every inch of my premises, and the cupboard in the corridor outside.

There was no denying it. Genuine or fake, Queen Anne's Letters were gone. I had a very poor appetite for supper.

As we left the hall, Nurse Davies came flying after me. "I'm most awfully sorry!" she panted. "But while you were on duty I had to burglar your bedroom. Auntie Loo came on the phone—a trunk-call from York. She must have taken a taxi in there for she hasn't had a telephone since she had that row with the exchange."

"She doesn't want you to edit the letters after all. I was to post them back. I'm most awfully sorry!"

I said, that I, too, was sorry; but Nurse Davies had more to tell. "I'm leaving tomorrow. The result of my test has come through, and I'm allergic to dust and feathers. So I can't possibly stay here."

## A trunk-call

I looked out of one of the windows. Far, far below, I could see tree-tops and a strip of the drive. "But, surely," I ventured, "you are remote enough here."

"They carried off Benito Mussolini by air," said Miss Havisham. "I was very glad when I saw a taxi arrive on the strip of drive."

I was travelling in uniform, so my case was much too small for the parcel which was delivered to me. I had to lug Queen Anne's Letters on a

## EINSTEIN GAVE US A NEW WORLD

IN 1905, a young clerk in a scientific patent office published three papers on the basic problems of physics.

The learned world was interested in two of them. The young man, said the professors, showed talent.

The third one, they thought, was a little half-baked. The kind of thing a young man might produce. But he would grow out of it.

The first two have been all but forgotten. The half-baked one recorded that "E equals MC squared."

It just so happened that that formula was to change the world.

The young patent clerk was Albert Einstein. The formula was the core of modern atomic theory.

"E" in the formula stands for energy, M for mass, C for the speed of light.

What it means, at its simplest, is that matter—everything from slabs of rock to the chair you're sitting on—and energy are not two different things but two ways of looking at the same thing.

To the scientists at the turn of the century, that was all but incredible.

Albert Einstein was to live to see it become the idea which dominates the world.

For it was that idea that made possible the atom bomb and the hydrogen bomb.

It is also that idea that has made it possible to believe that the day may come when life for most men in most places will cease to be nasty, brutish and short.

## Not understood

For the intense young German Jew whose schoolmasters gave him up as too dull ever to amount to anything gave man the key to the mastery of the universe.

He died a saddened man.

The world had accepted his revolution without ever understanding it.

They had grasped the fact that the possibility of converting matter into energy made it possible to annihilate whole civilisations in a single blast—even the fact that it made it possible to drive a liner across the Atlantic on the energy contained in a glass of water.

The day he died, American scientists had begun work on the commercial possibilities of atomic-nuclear conversion—the process behind the H-bomb.

Large numbers of men had even toyed delightedly with the more subtle aspects of his relativity theory.

They had accepted without questioning the fact that, if you shot the Empire State Building through space at the speed of light it would be infinitely small and weigh nothing at all. It was fun to think that an alarm clock through space would seem to make time go more slowly the faster it went.

But these were all parlour games—amusing conversation, curiosities, something to be forgotten about in the ordinary workaday world.

Hardly anyone has grasped the fact that Albert Einstein revealed the world as a very different place than anyone of us had suspected.

The theory of relativity is much more than a curiosity.

It is a cold hard statement about the nature of the world—a statement which it may take a long time for men to grasp fully.

It means that space and time are not fixed, rigid things as we have always imagined them. It means that matter is not the hard impenetrable substance that older scientists had imagined.

The "physical universe" is nothing more than so many arrangements of energy—fluid,

manipulable, there to be changed and made use of by man.

Space and time are our personal descriptions of our individual situations. Two men in two different places will see the same event happen at two different times and there is no use asking "when did it really happen?" for the answer depends on where you were when it happened.

Between the two—given a time and a place—we can calculate a "space-time" location which everyone will agree upon. But it is our calculation, and the answer is a matter of public convenience.

## Tool for man

Putting it bluntly: Space and time are the ways in which we co-ordinate our experiences. But we are free to co-ordinate them in other ways if it happens to be more convenient.

Einstein, for instance, found it convenient to dispose of the kind of space you learned about in the school geometry books and to substitute a multi-dimensional space. You couldn't describe it in words. But it would work wonders for astronomical calculations.

Once, asked for an explanation of the theory which every-

one could understand, Einstein chuckled and said: "When you sit with the girl you love for two hours, you think it is only two minutes; but when you sit on a red-hot stove for two minutes you think it is two hours. That is relativity."

That is rather more than a neat crack. The point of the relativity theory is that time and space are tools for interpreting your experience, not absolute standards which determine your experience.

Energy, too, is not something absolute, but something susceptible of infinite variations—a tool for man.

It is said that Copernicus dethroned man from the centre of the universe when he demonstrated that the earth revolved about the sun and not the earth, and that later astronomers reduced man to an insignificant speck in a universe so vast that no man could conceive it.

Einstein put man back. The sun goes where you want it to in Einstein's world—provided that you are smart enough not to get carried away with it.

Indeed, the principle of the hydrogen bomb is precisely the principle which makes the sun go.

The question is whether man is really big enough to grasp the world which Einstein has given him.

# The Zither Man Still Plays, But THE THIRD MAN WOULD HARDLY KNOW VIENNA

Vienna, over two-thirds of her £71,000,000 debt to the European Payments Union.

The country's unemployment figure is also very low. Dr. Kamitz has achieved this despite the fact that the occupation has cost the country some £600,000,000, and that the Russians have been regularly stripping Austria's economy of millions of tons of her oil and other goods without paying one rouble for them.

He would recognise the Palladium Palace, now the home of the Jockey Club, where the most fabulous balls of the carnival season are given, and the adjoining Josephplatz, where parts of the film were made.

But he would feel quite lost in his favourite Cafe Mozart today. Once the chief meeting-place for Black Market operators in what was virtually the city of the Black Market, the cafe is now completely shorn of its atmosphere of intrigue, stealth, and suspicion, where not only thousands of pounds' worth of deals were arranged in the years just after the last war, but occasionally the "disposability" of a human life, if necessary.

Cafe Mozart just round the corner from the Cafe Sacher on the Altes Rathausplatz, facing the Albertina Gallery, which houses a magnificent art collection including works by Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Raphael, and the best collection of Danes in the world, now puts up a pleasant yellow-and-blue but highly respectable front.

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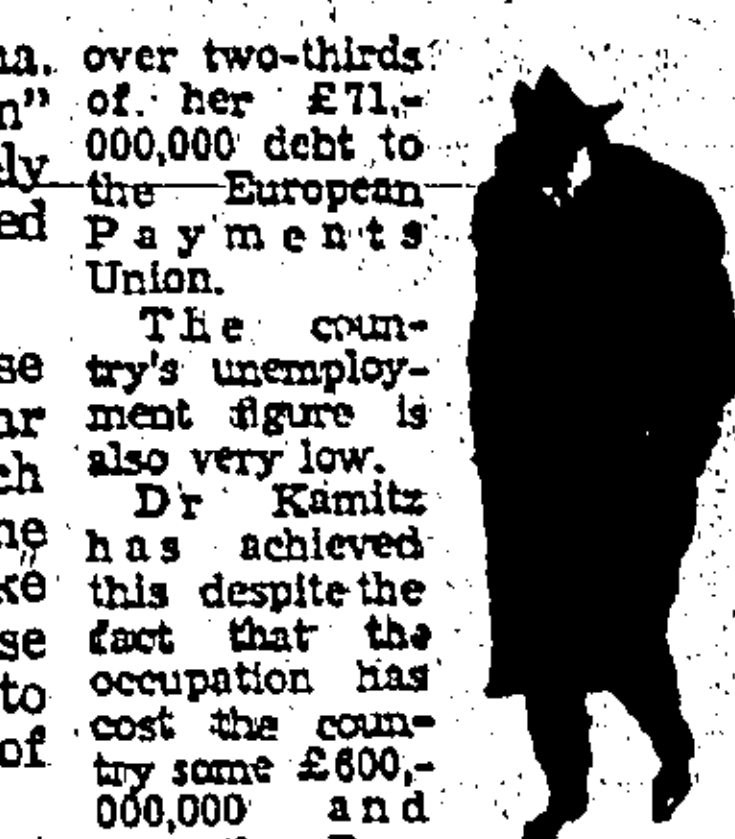
picture made Karas a famous and a rich man. He now further successfully capitalises on this, chiefly for the benefit of tourists.

No, when the occupation of Austria is ended, which should be some time later this summer, and the somewhat sinister shadow of the last of Russia's estimated 40,000 soldiers is removed from Vienna and from the rest of the country back to behind the Iron Curtain, it will be the final "exit" of The Third Man.

As Julius Hartmann, typical international café waiter who has worked all over Europe but for the past 20 years has been serving customers with Cafe Sacher's Cafe mit Schlag—coffee topped with a blob of whipped cream—explained while tapping his fat pocket-book:

"This is full now. To fill this is the most important thing to us—that, the sunshine, a bottle of wine, and a happy song."

Richard Greenough



True, he would recognise many of the old familiar landmarks in the film, such as the "giant wheel" in the Prater with its box-like carriages that slowly rise and fall as they revolve, to give a more superb view of the city.

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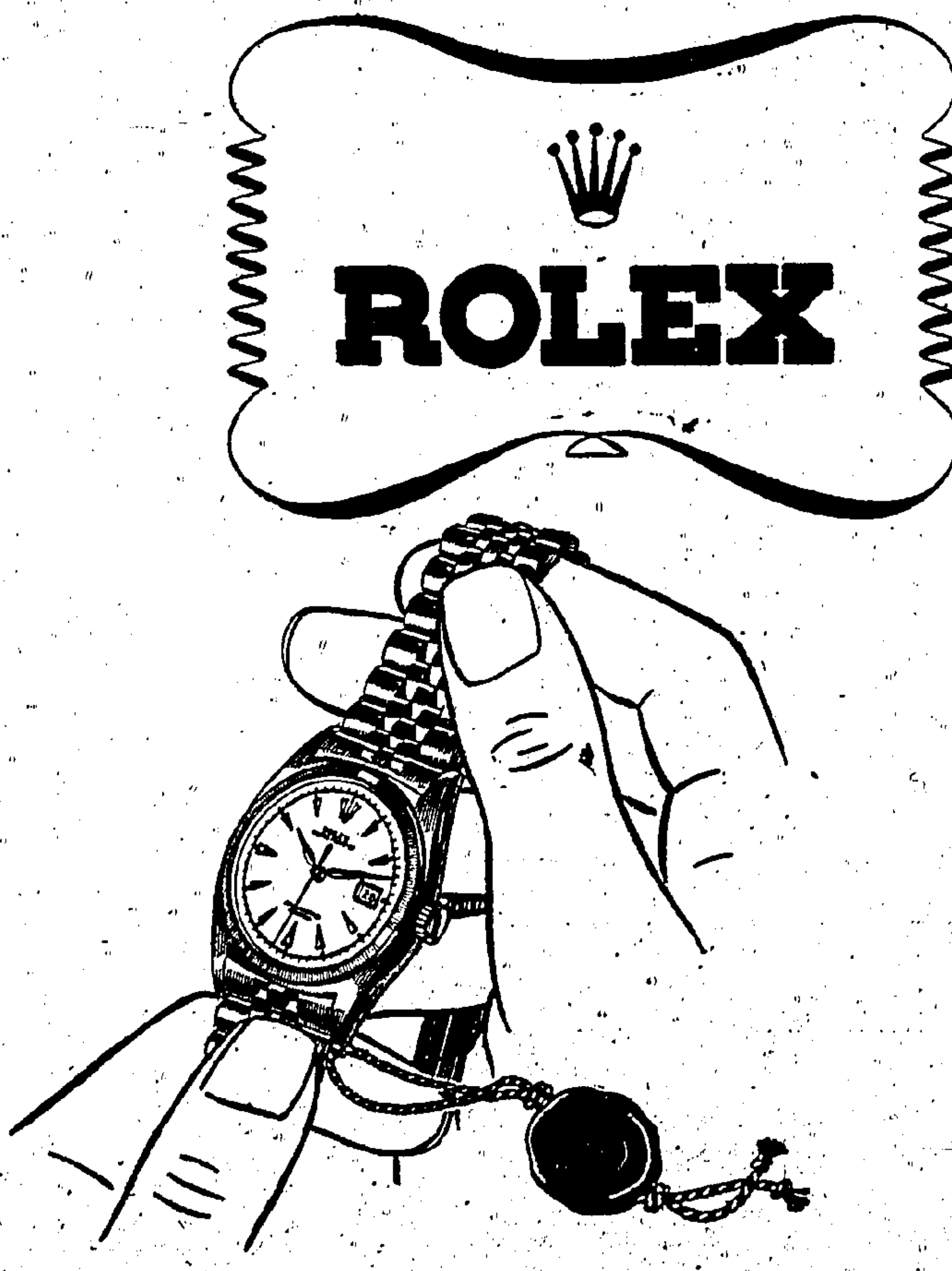
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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Think Play Out  
Before Talking

By OSWALD JACOBY

DON'T goggle too much at the opening bid of one no-trump on the South hand. Many players favour a "weak" opening bid of one no-trump, based on a count of 12 to 14 points. I don't favour it myself, but there are some arguments in its favour, particularly when you are not vulnerable. Of course, when you use a weak no-trump your partner and the opponents must be fully aware of it.

"West led the five of spades," writes Albert Benjamin, a well-known Scotch expert, "dummy had to play the seven, and East covered with the eight."

"Many defenders in East's position would be apt to play the ten on the seven lest the declarer had the nine. But if West has three cards higher than the five, these three cards must be selected from A-K-Q-J-9."

"If South has the nine, West has three of the four top honours, which is absurd since



"Now what did I say?"

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 9

BORN today, you are strictly an individualist in your thinking. You have your own definite way of doing things and hold to your strong opinions. You have a magnetic, persuasive personality and because of this, you must always be careful to keep your ideals high—for you could just as easily lead in the wrong direction.

Your intuitions are strong and sometimes you let your emotions get control of good, common sense. At such times you will act hastily and without due consideration of the end result. Learn to take the long-term view when it comes to important matters and you will be less likely to err. Sympathetic and kindly toward the less fortunate in the world, you want to see full justice brought about. You can become intensely steadfast toward an idea of reform

and must, actually, guard against becoming fanatical. Although you are not particularly interested in money-making except as it will further your "cause," you do have capabilities in business and might, at some time in your life, become quite wealthy. Your emotions are deep; your own home and the family mean a great deal to you and your marriage should be a happy and satisfying one.

Among those born on this date are: James M. Barrie, playwright; John Brown, abolitionist; Henry M. Kaiser, industrialist; Zita, former Empress of Hungary; Mae Murray and Richard Barthelmess, silent film stars.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If your occupation is a hazardous one, be extra careful today to avoid an accident.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Very often you can learn something important by listening to others. Try it out today!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—This is not your day for being adventuresome. Be conservative, especially in all business matters.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—New ideas may come thick and

fast today, but test them all carefully before you act on any. VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Guard your pocketbook carefully today to avoid any possible loss through your own carelessness.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be sure you are not late for an important date. A few minutes can make the difference between success and failure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If you have a letter to write, don't postpone any longer. Get it done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Not a good day to be too adventurous, either in your personal or business affairs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Now you can go ahead with that scheme you may have been postponing. Business signs are okay now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Patience is a virtue which you may need to acquire at this point. Great things sometimes move slowly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—The amount of work you do just now is likely to indicate the degree of success you will eventually attain.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—There will be a great deal of activity. Make sure that you are involved only in what is important.

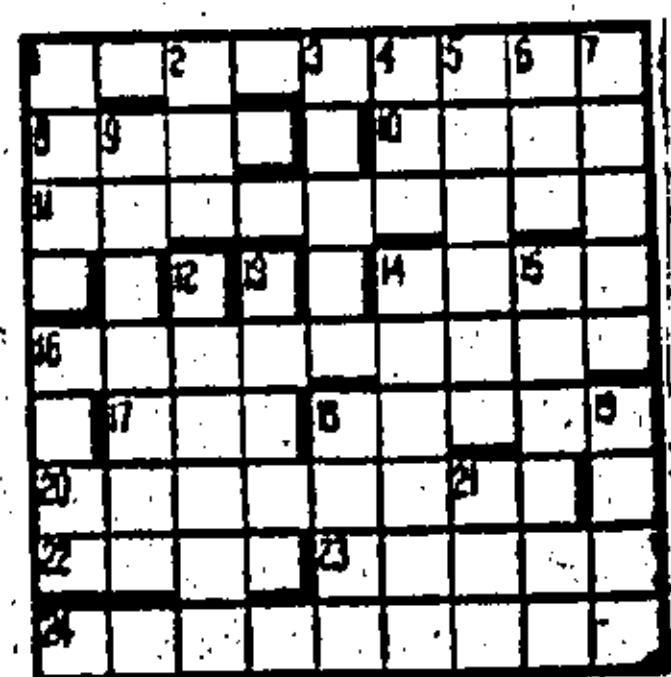
## TARGET

THE EXPRESS  
WORD GAME

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square below? Each letter may be used only once. Each word must contain the large letter in the square. No plurals or foreign words. No proper nouns. TUESDAY'S TARGET: 60 words, good; 58 words, very good; 56 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION: Cliché, chort, coot, cot, cotter, etch, hatch, hatchet, hale, heat, health, hoat, oath, octet, otto, tach, tooth, toothache, tote.

## CROSSWORD

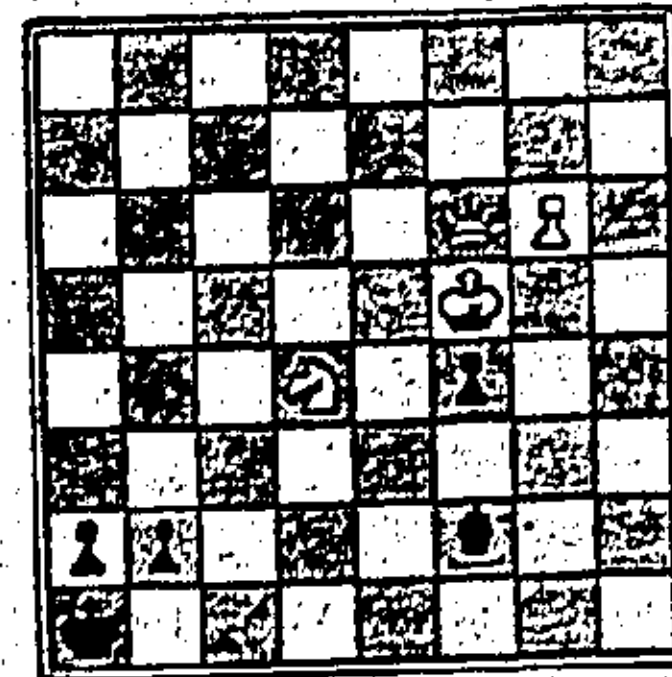


Across  
1. Memories of youth often are.  
8. Man of tempests a dim.  
10. Fly high.  
11. Better and better.  
12. They go with 11 across on the scale.  
13. Abscond.  
14. He's got a knighthood.  
15. Doubts over the cloth.  
16. Tower bridge has two.  
17. It sometimes adds to the gin.  
18. The dogs sound like a range of mountains.  
19. Hold everything! You can, if you have enough of these.  
Down  
1. Just the job.  
2. Try to get them, someone's been eating about you.  
3. Rays down the sea.  
4. Employ.  
5. Rate to turn round.  
6. The last of 18 across.  
7. This kind of suit is for gay occasions.  
9. No.  
12. This kind of play is considered silly in some circles.  
13. You're mistaken in using this word.  
14. A young man.  
15. A kind of one.  
16. A kind of one.  
17. A kind of one.  
18. A kind of one.  
19. A kind of one.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By T. SALAMANCA

Black, 5 pieces.



White, 4 pieces.  
White to play; mate in three.  
Solution to Saturday's problem:  
1. R-K5, any; 2. B, or Kt mates.

## GERMAN MARTYRS HONOURED

IN the tumultuous history of mankind's struggle against tyranny the date of July 20, 1944, will for ever stand out.

On that day a group of high German officers tried to kill Hitler. They failed, were captured and hanged.

Martyrs hastened the final blow dealt by the might of the allied armies.

Now the eight Germans are honoured by West Berlin in a stamp which shows a symbol of German struggle to burst the shackles of slavery.

The stamp is scheduled to be put on sale in West Berlin on July 24 in London—A.P.

## NEW DIOR PLAYSUIT



One of Christian Dior's latest creations is this playsuit in white and beige striped cotton—Agence France-Presse.

## SPONGING REDUCES FEVER

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

A SPONGE bath can be used for something besides washing the baby. It is an effective method of reducing his temperature if he has a fever.

The room chosen for the baby's sponge bath must be warm, about 78 to 80 degrees. If the weather is cold, all windows and doors must be closed to keep the infant from becoming chilled.

You're going to need two large towels, two washcloths and a pan.

Fill the pan with about two quarts of lukewarm water. The water should be about 100 degrees. You can judge its temperature pretty closely by dipping your elbow into it. The water should feel warm.

Place the baby on a table on his back on one large towel and cover him with the other. Soak one wash cloth in cold water just as it comes from the faucet,

wring it out and place it on his forehead.

Soak the second wash cloth in the pan of lukewarm water, wring it out, and then, with long, gentle strokes, sponge one arm about a dozen times. Every three or four strokes, soak the cloth in the water and wring it again. Then dry the arm. Sponge the other arm, the legs, chest and abdomen in the same way. Dry them immediately.

Remember to keep the baby covered, except for the particular area being sponged.

Turn the baby on his abdomen. Take the second cloth from his forehead and use it to sponge his back and buttocks in the same manner. Dry him, put on his sleeping garments and place him in his bed.

All told, this sponging procedure should take about five or six minutes. It will usually reduce his temperature from one to two degrees. And that's a big reduction.

## WOMANSENSE

## Barbecued Chicken And Sweet Potatoes

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A QUICK look-see at three of the class programmes for rural homemakers at the University of Maryland was most enjoyable.

In one auditorium, a group of two hundred watched a demonstration on flower arrangement.

Next came a millinery demonstration class.

The chicken barbecue class was held outdoors at a portable drum pit, with charcoal as the fuel. We've built today's menu around the barbecued chicken.

### Chicken Barbecue Dinner

Sliced Tomatoes Scallions Pickles  
Barbecued Chicken or Pork Chops  
Baked Sweet Potatoes Green Corn Watermelon Slices  
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea Milk

### Barbecued Chicken

Use 8-lb. chickens, dressed and split in halves. To cook, place on the grill; turn often during the first half-hour with tongs. Then turn and swab frequently with a clean dish-mop dipped in barbecue sauce. Cook about 2 hours.

To test for doneness: With gloves on, grasp the high joint between the thumb and fingers of the left hand. Grasp the end of the drumstick with the right hand and turn. When the leg bone in the drumstick turns freely from the meat, the chicken is done.

Barbecue Sauce: Heat together 1 c. water, 2 c. cider vinegar, 1 lb. (1 c.) butter or margarine and 2 tsp. salt.

En route to the next class, Ruby Brant, my hostess for the day, chatted about the old English dishes still cooked on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. For

instance, this spread is popular, although it's not "cheese," at the following ways:

1. Boil or pressure-cook sweet potatoes. Slice and sauté in bacon fat or shortening in a skillet together with 1/2 the quantity of sliced apples. When half-done, sprinkle with a little salt and 2 or 3 tsp. brown sugar to your taste.

2. Peel sweet potatoes; cover with boiling water and boil 3 min. Dry and cut in thick slices lengthwise. Brush with fat and grill on both sides. Dust with salt and pepper when half-done.

3. Scrub and dry medium-sized sweet potatoes. Brush all over with fat. Wrap in aluminum foil and bake in hot embers.

## The Point Lies in the Pockets



Buttoned flaps of flat middle pockets add point to this finely proportioned skirt in spiced tweed. Made by Doris of London—Express Photo.

## Household Hints

The meringue topping on pies won't puff off during slicing, if the knife is buttered.

To wash a deep vase or jar, add bits of wrapping paper to the warm soapy water and shake well. Ammonia in the rinse water gives an extra sparkle.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### In Mother Goose Land

—Knarf Tells Hanid of His Adventures There—

By MAX TRELL  
"WHY, Knarf," said Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, when she saw her brother squeezing out from behind the bookcase, "where were you all morning?"

Regards From All

"I was visiting," said Knarf. "I was visiting all our friends who live back here. They all sent their regards to you."

"Thank you," said Hanid, sitting herself down in the chair by the window and folding her hands neatly in her lap.

Knarf sat down beside her. "Whom did you visit?"

said Hanid. "Tell me all about it, please."

"Well," began Knarf, "you know that all the book-people live in their houses behind the bookcases. In fact, the books all look like houses with their doors opening in back of the bookcase."

"I know all that," said Hanid. "First," said Knarf, "I visited a little girl whom you know quite well. She was sitting in her garden on a little grassy hump, eating something white out of a bowl."

"Go on," said Hanid, realising that Knarf expected dog

her to guess whom he was talking about.

### Unpleasant Visitor

Knarf went on. "She had just said good morning to me when along came someone else quite unexpectedly and sat down beside her. All of a sudden, she let out a scream and ran away."

Hanid smiled. "That was Little Miss Muffet," she said. "Wasn't it?"

"It was," said Knarf. "Then," said Knarf, "I walked down the street again until I met a dog. He was dancing a jig with a pipe in his mouth. A whole crowd of people were standing around watching him. When he was finished dancing the jig, he went around with his cap, begging for pennies. He told everyone he was hungry."

"Hold on," said Hanid. "I knew whose dog that was! What was it?"

"It was Mother Hubbard's dog," said Knarf.



Wee Willie Winkie was running up and down in his nightgown.

Knarf nodded. "Maybe you can tell me the name of some of the people who were standing around watching old Mother Hubbard's dog. I'll describe what they look like."

"Please do," said Hanid.

"There were two brothers," said Knarf. "They looked like twins. All at once they started hawking each other with wooden swords."

"Tweedledum and Tweedledee," said Hanid.

"Yes," said Knarf. "Then there was a sailor dressed in a sailor's suit with silver buckles at his knees."

"Bobbie Shattoe," said Hanid. "Right again," said Knarf. "There was a boy in his nightgown running up and down with a lighted candle. He was very small."

"Wee Willie Winkie," said Hanid.

Regards From Hanid  
"I knew you'd know them all," said Knarf.  
"Yes," said Hanid, "and when you see them again, please give them my regards."

## WEIGHT-WATCHERS MAY Nibble Scientifically

Hollywood. GO ahead and eat between meals, you weight-watchers. But nibble "scientifically."

None other than a health and nutrition expert advises those trying to lose weight to snack between the three regular meal periods. It cuts down hunger, and the diet is likely to eat less at each of the "three squares."

But you have to make sure you are not what Dr. Frederick J. Stare of Harvard University calls "common nibblers."

"A 'scientific nibbler' has a job of the main meal between meals," said Dr. Stare. "It may be a piece of fruit at 11 in the morning, instead of with lunch; a glass of milk saved from supper and drunk before retiring."

"If your between-meal snacks are extra, you might as well not be on a reducing diet. This is common nibbling."

The whole aim, said the nutritionist, "is to decrease the number of calories eaten in a 24-hour period. The right type of snacking makes a difference for some diets, but not for others."

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West  
1 Club Pass 1 Diamond Pass  
1 Spade Pass

You, South, hold: Spades Q-7-3, Hearts K-J-7-4, Diamonds A-Q-6-3, Clubs 9-4. What do you do?

A—Bid two no trump. An immediate jump response in no-trump shows 15 to 18 points, but a delayed jump may be shaded down to 12 points. The bid should, however, guarantee balanced distribution and stoppers in the unbid suit.

## TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades J-3, Hearts K-J-7-4, Diamonds A-K-J-6-5, Clubs K-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow



## SATURDAY'S LAWN BOWLS

## Valley Clubs Triumph In First And Second Division League Matches

By "TOUCHER"

Honours in the opening matches of the Colony 1955-56 Lawn Bowls League season on Saturday went to the Valley Clubs—Craigengower, Police and Hongkong Football Clubs—who led the way in the First and Second Division games by collecting 19 points out of a possible 20.

Craigengower displayed brilliant early-season form by handing Filipino Club a 5-0 defeat in the First Division and scoring a similar margin of victory in the Second Division over Hongkong Cricket Club.

Although there was evidence of that usual affliction of "early-seasonitis" in their form, the resurfaced rinks of the Craigengower seniors gave a

well-above-average performance both individually and collectively. They should be able to take the current holders, "Blues" a strong challenge this season, possibly stronger than either Indian Recreation Club or Kowloon Cricket Club.

responsible for the 22-14 triumph of the rink skipped by Ken Bodie.

Probably a more creditable win, however, was that of H. B. Dewar's rink over what seemed a powerful four skipped by Jack McKelvie.

The Valley Club took the lead in all the three rinks in the first few hours, and by the time the tea-interval came, both Bradbury and Costes were well ahead of L. S. Silva and C. A. Coelho.

Although both Indian Recreation Club "Blues" and Recreio "Blues" each collected four points comfortably from their club-mates IRC "Gold" and Recreio "Whites," both teams showed considerable room for improvement, particularly the Indian first-stringers.

## OUTSTANDING BOWLERS

The IRC "Gold" were actually furnishing better bowls than their more reputed opponents on Saturday, but did not have that extra bit of luck in a great number of the heads. Out-standing among the "Gold" bowlers were Sherry Butts and A. H. Abbas who between them played a great part in enabling skip A. R. Minu to score a resounding 24-14 triumph over the power-packed quartet of J. Hoosen, K. M. Rumjahn, M. B. Hassan and A. K. Minu.

Had A. H. Seem been able to have Dame Fortune on his side, there might have been a different result to his match. Time and again his front-men had the better of their opposing numbers, but all their good efforts invariably came to naught by the time skip U. A. Rumjahn's heavy woods came down the green.

The only consistent rink among the winners was that skipped by A. M. Omar whose 21-12 win over Johnny Rumjahn would have been bigger but for some fine saving drives by Rumjahn.

In their match against the "Whites" the Recreio "Blues" also showed that early-season trouble of not having had enough practice and perhaps only Basil Lutz, C. E. Passos and Johnny Ribeiro were anywhere near their best.

Fielding almost the same team which won the championship last year, the "Blues" however, will be a hard team to beat this season once they start falling into their groove and excel at this early stage may well concede them a more than even chance of retaining the title.

## CRUCIAL MATCHES

The "Whites" put up a grand fight especially in the first half of the game when they kept the Champions to only a slender three-shot lead on the aggregate. That confident play born out of years of experience which has stood the "Blues" in good stead in many crucial matches in the past, was once again prominent after the tea-interval as they began to pile up the score head after head. Only one rink stood up valiantly against the giants—A. A. Lopes and his men—to a deservedly emerge with a narrow one-shot decision in a thrilling finish.

Requiring four for a tie, Jackie Noronha with a lie of three just failed by a fraction of an inch to draw in the fourth shot. Credit for this win goes in no small measure to his No. 2, S. Ribeiro who played a consistent game throughout, though skip Lopes did the damage with his heavy shots sometimes taking the jack with them.

In the principal second division match the relegated Kowloon Dockers team experienced a tough job in taking four points from the Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Road.

Until the last three heads the KCC led on two rinks and to the aggregate, everything pointing to an upset result, but McDell, badly trailing against Divella, came back with a four on the last head, while both Lee and Howard conceded points on the 20th and 21st heads to allow the Dockers to convert a losing position into a two-rink and aggregate victory.

Kowloon Dockers indicated they are going to be difficult to beat this year, and it will not be surprising if they regain promotion to the First Division. But the KCC had a few weeks' rest as a result of their display and what they have been doing will provide formidable opposition.



Grimacing with pain, LAC Court of the RAF (left) throws a left at Bdr. Gommersall of the 42nd Field Regiment after receiving a hard right from his opponent in the welterweight bout at the Earl Haig Charity Boxing Tournament held on Saturday at Southern Playground. Gommersall won on points.



Forced to the ropes by his aggressive opponent, LAC Corbyn of the RAF skillfully ducks a left from Pte Haukin of the North Staffs in this Bantamweight bout at Southern Playground in the Earl Haig Boxing Tournament last Saturday. Corbyn won on points.—China Mail Photos.

## MEMORIAL CUP FINAL

Hongkong Chinese 5 Kowloon Chinese 2

## Hongkong Chinese Were Streets Ahead In Memorial Cup Soccer

Before a big crowd at the Club Stadium on Saturday evening Hongkong Chinese won the Memorial Cup after an exciting and entertaining tussle with their compatriots from across the harbour.

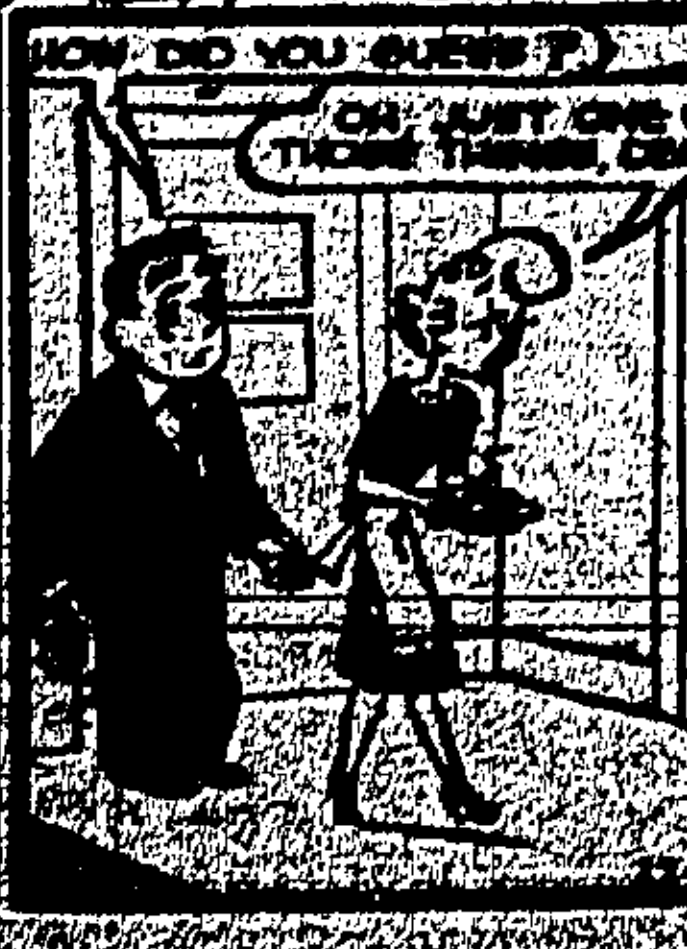
The standard of play was often high and the traditional close passing of both forward lines provided some delightful interludes.

The great difference between the two sides was in the inside forward positions where Ho Cheung-yau and Yiu Cheuk-yin in the Hongkong team were streets ahead of their counterparts in the opposition.

Ho Cheung-yau started the scoring in the third minute and the perfect understanding between him and Yiu Cheuk-yin saw two more goals chalked up before the interval, but in the meantime the Mainlanders had both sent Tam Nai-huen to the back of the net to retrieve the ball.

In an effort to wipe out their single goal deficit the Kowloon team made post-interval positional changes but these did not have the desired effect and it was the Hongkong boys who got further goals when first Chu Wing-sung and then Ho Yung-fun beat Wei Fat-kin.

## THE GAMBOLS



## EARL HAIG BOXING SHOW

## GOMMERSALL &amp; RAWLINGS PROVIDE THE POLISH—THE PUNCH COMES FROM SADD

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

After the thrills and general excellence of the recent Colony Boxing Championships the show at the Southern Playground on Saturday in aid of the Earl Haig Fund was something of an anti-climax.

Many of the boxers who were expected to participate did not, for one reason or another, step into the ring, and few of the bouts reached anything like the standard achieved at the Championships.

Apart from the disappointments in the ring there was also cause for some regret that the promotion clashed with the big football match at the Club Stadium for the crowd was not up to expectations.

The show did however emphasise one important fact and that is that the temptation to promote a novice—whether he is title holder or not—should be resisted until the officials are entirely satisfied that he is ready to take on an opponent who is clearly of a higher class.

In the last bout of the evening we were treated to the unpleasant sight of seeing colony Heavyweight Champion Foyles knocked out in under a minute by that tough New Zealander, AB Sadd. I know that in the boxing ring anyone can run into such a fate but it was the manner of this one that made some of us think.

In the early seconds of the fight Foyles looked competent enough while he was on the attack but as soon as Sadd's heavy artillery came into action Foyles had neither the ring experience nor the basic boxing knowledge to keep his guard up and his chin down.

The blow that knocked him out was a brilliant punch but the exposed chin on which it landed was one that simply shouldn't have been there. Foyles has great promise and a lot of fighting instinct. He now needs coaching and practical experience, he can only get that standing up, and we can but hope that the sort of "experience" he had on Saturday will not damp his enthusiasm for the game.

The two bouts in the Welterweight division provided the best entertainment of the evening for both had a fair share of good boxing and hard hitting.

## PUNISHING ROUNDS

In the first of these AB Rawlings beat LAC Pearson after three hard punishing rounds in which both took a deal of punishment. Pearson tended to be a little wild in his attack, and thereby lost several good chances, but Rawlings showed that he was able and willing to meet his opponent half-way, and box or trade punches as the occasion demanded.

Bdr. Gommersall—who gave what was probably the best boxing display of the evening—carried too many guns for LAC Court and won comfortably. Both men gave the crowd something to shout about and Court

did well to weather the storm after being dropped by a beautiful left hook in the third round.

The antics of Wong Pak-wing and LAC Abdullah gave the crowd plenty of entertainment. Neither showed any knowledge of the finer points of the game but their spasmodic bouts of fistic fury, punctuated throughout by the strange mannerisms of the Chinese boy, kept the spectators in good humour. Abdullah got the verdict on points.

The other results were as follows:—

Flyweight, Pte Fletcher (A) beat Tan Mo (ABC) on points.

Bantam, LAC Corbyn (RAF) beat Pte Haukin (A) on points. SAC Sadd (RAF) beat Cdr. Hay (A) KO in 1st Rd.

Feather, Gnr. Melver (A) beat Fong Yau-chum (ABC) on points.

Welter, AB Rawlings (RN) beat LAC Pearson (RAF) on points. Bdr. Gommersall beat LAC Court (RAF) on points.

Light Middle, Pte Harris (A) beat Gnr. Kilgannon (A) KO in 2nd Rd.

Middle, Cpl. Ross (RAF) beat Fmr. Rickus (USN) TKO in 2nd Rd.

Heavy, LAC O'Connell (RAF) beat Gnr. Davies (A) on points.

Heavy, AB Sadd (RNZN) beat Gnr. Postle (A) KO in 1st Rd.

## OTHER BOUTS

Catch, LAC Abdullah (RAF) beat Wong Pak-wing (ABC) on points.

Exhibition, Ramsey Bucks (ABC) fought Cdr. Daniels over three rounds.

The duties of referee were shared by Messrs. Herrett and Cooper of the Royal Navy while Mr. Comd. Gnr. J.R.

## SWAPS WINS KENTUCKY DERBY

Louisville, May 7. Mr. R. Ellsworth's chestnut colt, Swaps, by the British-bred sire, Khalid, won the Kentucky Derby run over one and a quarter miles here today.

Nashua, by the Irish sire Nashua, was second, with Summer Tan, a son of the British sire, Helioopolis, in third place. The race was worth \$152,500.

Swaps was a 14-5 chance in the betting with Nashua a 6-5 favourite.

The winner, ridden by America's top jockey, Willie Shoemaker, took the lead shortly after the start and covered the distance in two minutes and four-fifths seconds.

The time was only two-fifths of a second outside the race record established by Whirlaway in 1931.

Except for Trim Duxbury being near the front in the early stages the race was a struggle almost throughout among the first three to finish.—Reuter.

## NO BRITISH EIGHT FOR MELBOURNE

London, May 9.

Britain's rowing prospects at the Melbourne Olympic Regatta next year are being scuttled. Their hopes of success in the eights—the blue riband event of the championships—are being submerged in the choppy waters of high finance. And their rowing prestige is being sunk without trace.

The British Amateur Rowing Association selection committee recently decided not to send an eight to the Olympics. They said the high cost involved would knock the bung out of the Association's financial boat.

There is still a chance that Britain will be represented but unless an eight of "outstanding quality" appears selection may have to be confined to other events. This, says the Association, will enable them to "cover as many events as possible."

The selectors will regard this year's European Championships as a preliminary to the Olympics, and it is hoped that the team selected for the European event will be available for the trip to Melbourne.

With this policy in mind the selectors have made special training facilities available for scullers to reach international standards.

They have appointed Eric Phelps, top line professional coach, to handle the training of scullers who show promise and have invited several club coaches to report on the availability of oarsmen and scullers in their particular areas.

In this way every potential competitor will be brought to their notice.—China Mail Special.

## Gouget Wins "Peace Rally" Cycle Race

Chemnitz, East Germany, May 8.

France's Pierre Gouget won the sixth lap of the Prague-Berlin-Warsaw "Peace Rally" cycle race when he covered the 103 kilometres from Dresden to Chemnitz in 2 hours, 51 minutes and 48 seconds at an average speed of 35 kilometres an hour today.

Stan Britain of Britain still headed the general individual classification.

Czechoslovakia headed the general team classification with a total of 81 hours, 10 minutes and 44 seconds, with Finland 10th and last with 122 hours, 56 minutes and one second.—France-Press.

## Final Home Soccer League Standings

London, May 7.  
The final Football League standings are as follows:

|                | First Division         |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|----------------|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
|                | P                      | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
| Chelsea        | 42                     | 20 | 12 | 10 | 58 | 32 | 52  |
| Wolves         | 42                     | 19 | 10 | 13 | 50 | 48 | 48  |
| Portsmouth     | 42                     | 18 | 12 | 12 | 44 | 48 | 48  |
| Sheff Wed      | 42                     | 18 | 9  | 15 | 54 | 48 | 45  |
| Manchester U.  | 42                     | 17 | 14 | 11 | 54 | 47 | 44  |
| Aston Villa    | 42                     | 20 | 7  | 15 | 52 | 47 | 47  |
| Manchester C.  | 42                     | 18 | 14 | 10 | 50 | 46 | 46  |
| Newcastle      | 42                     | 17 | 9  | 16 | 50 | 43 | 43  |
| Arsenal        | 42                     | 17 | 9  | 16 | 50 | 43 | 43  |
| Burnley        | 42                     | 17 | 9  | 16 | 50 | 43 | 43  |
| Everton        | 42                     | 16 | 10 | 16 | 50 | 43 | 43  |
| Huddersfield   | 42                     | 16 | 10 | 16 | 50 | 43 | 43  |
| Sheff Utd      | 42                     | 16 | 10 | 16 | 50 | 43 | 43  |
| Preston        | 42                     | 15 | 8  | 19 | 50 | 40 | 40  |
| Charlton       | 42                     | 15 | 10 | 17 | 50 | 40 | 40  |
| Tottenham      | 42                     | 15 | 10 | 17 | 50 | 40 | 40  |
| West Brom      | 42                     | 15 | 8  | 19 | 50 | 40 | 40  |
| Bolton         | 42                     | 15 | 10 | 17 | 50 | 40 | 40  |
| Blackpool      | 42                     | 15 | 10 | 17 | 50 | 40 | 40  |
| Cardiff        | 42                     | 15 | 10 | 17 | 50 | 40 | 40  |
| Leicester      | 42                     | 15 | 10 | 17 | 50 | 40 | 40  |
| Wednesday      | 42                     | 15 | 10 | 17 | 50 | 40 | 40  |
|                | Second Division        |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| Birmingham     | 42                     | 22 | 10 | 10 | 62 | 47 | 54  |
| Luton Town     | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Rochester      | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Leeds United   | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Stoke City     | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Blackburn      | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Notts County   | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| West Ham       | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Bristol Rovers | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Swansea        | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Liverpool      | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Middlesbrough  | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Burnley        | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Fulham         | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Notts Forest   | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Lincoln        | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Port Vale      | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Doncaster      | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Hull City      | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Plymouth       | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Ipswich        | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
| Derby          | 42                     | 21 | 11 | 10 | 58 | 44 | 53  |
|                | Third Division         |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| Bristol City   | 42                     | 20 | 10 | 12 | 60 | 47 | 50  |
| Leyton Orient  | 42                     | 20 | 9  | 13 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Southampton    | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Colchester     | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Millwall       | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Brighton       | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Carlisle       | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Walsley        | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Torquay        | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Coventry       | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Southend       | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Brentford      | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Norwich        | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Northern       | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Aldershot      | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| O.P. Rangers   | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Shrewsbury     | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Bournemouth    | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Reading        | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Newport        | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Crystal Palace | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Swindon        | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Exeter         | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Walsley        | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
| Colchester     | 42                     | 20 | 11 | 11 | 58 | 47 | 49  |
|                | Third Division (North) |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| Barnsley       | 42                     | 20 | 8  | 14 | 61 | 48 | 48  |
| Accrington     | 42                     | 20 | 10 | 12 | 58 | 50 | 50  |
| Scunthorpe     | 42                     | 22 | 10 | 10 | 61 | 50 | 54  |
| York City      | 42                     | 22 | 10 | 10 | 61 | 50 | 54  |
| Hartlepool     | 42                     | 22 | 10 | 10 | 61 | 50 | 54  |
| Chesterfield   | 42                     | 24 | 6  | 16 | 59 | 50 | 54  |
| Gateshead      | 42                     | 23 | 13 | 6  | 64 | 50 | 59  |
| Workington     | 42                     | 23 | 13 | 6  | 64 | 50 | 59  |
| Stockport      | 42                     | 18 | 12 | 12 | 50 | 40 | 48  |
| Oldham         | 42                     | 18 | 12 | 12 | 74 | 40 | 48  |
| Mansfield      | 42                     | 18 | 12 | 12 | 50 | 40 | 48  |
| Buxton         | 42                     | 15 | 15 | 12 | 63 | 40 | 45  |
| Nottingham     | 42                     | 15 | 15 | 12 | 63 | 40 | 45  |
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| Wrexham        | 42                     | 15 | 14 | 13 | 73 | 40 | 45  |
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## FIFA Sanctions Staging Of European Inter-Club Soccer Tournament

London, May 8. The governing body of World Soccer, the International Football Federation (FIFA) decided at a special committee meeting in London today to permit the staging of a European Inter-Club tournament.

The following statement was issued after the meeting: "Having been contacted by the French and Danish Associations about a proposed European Inter-Club Cup, the committee decided that FIFA will give her permission providing:

### Champions Versus Rest Soccer Games Postponed

The Champions versus the Rest soccer matches, which were scheduled to take place at Caxton Hill yesterday, were postponed due to the inclement weather, and will now take place at the Club ground on Wednesday, May 11, the Junior game starting at 7 p.m. and the Senior at 8.30 p.m.

The Stanley Shield matches scheduled for Wednesday will now be played on Friday 13 at the Club ground, the times of kick-off the same as originally arranged.

### SPORTS SURVEY

## Five Footballers Of The Year Appeared In The Same Cup Final

By "ALL-ROUNDER"

It is a strange fact that five of the seven players who have been awarded the title of "The Footballer of the Year" since the statuettes were started in 1948 have appeared in the same season's Cup Final—and four of the five have finished on the losing side!

The exception was Joe Mercer, who led Arsenal to victory against Liverpool in 1950. The unlucky ones were Stanley Matthews, Harry Johnston, Tom Finney and Nat Lofthouse. Other statuette winners have been Johnny Carey and Billy Wright.

**TWO WINS IN ONE NIGHT.** Played two, won two—both on the same evening. That is the remarkable match record of Whalley, the Clitheroe (Lancs) League Club. First they defeated Low Moor 4-1, in the League, and then after a break of only half an hour they won a Cupbie by 3-2. Three days earlier they had won a "four point" match and now look to be League champions.

**BROKERS IN.** Derry City, the Northern Ireland League Club, have been unable to use their grand stand in recent matches, for it has been locked up by the local Council because of arrears of rent. What a change from a year ago when Derry, inspired by Scottish International Jimmy Delaney, were local heroes through winning the Irish Cup!

**HEARTBREAK CUP FINAL.** Little Johnny Divers, the Clyde outside right, played in the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden Park against Celtic with a heavy heart. His father had died during the week, and the funeral took place only an hour or so before the game started. It was his father's wish that he

### SIX TIMES LIFE SIZE

New York, May 8. More money will be taken in American cinemas tele-viewing the Heavyweight Championship fight between Don Cockell and Rocky Marciano on May 16 than will be taken at the fight itself.

The proprietors of Theatre Network Television—TNT—said more than 250,000 boxing fans would pay about \$1,000,000 to watch the fight in cinemas using a closed circuit to beam the fight pictures on screens six times life size.

About 80 cinemas have so far signed up to show the bout in San Francisco between the British Heavyweight Champion and the World Champion.

Fans in the theatres can shout, holler or boo from the equivalent of a press seat, an official of TNT said.

The promoters of the bout will, it is estimated, receive a dollar for each cinema seat sold. This means Marciano would get \$100,000 and Cockell \$50,000 on their percentage basis if 250,000 seats were sold.—China Mail Special.

### ABC DINNER DANCE VENUE CHANGED

Owing to the reconstruction of Cafe Wiseman, the forthcoming Athletic Boxing Club dinner dance scheduled there for Thursday, May 12, at 8 p.m. has been transferred to the Blue Heaven Night Club, King's Theatre Building, Wyndham Street, on the same date and time.

It has been revealed that arrangements for the forthcoming A.B.C. sponsored open air Boxing Tournament set for May 20 at the Hongkong Football Club are proceeding satisfactorily, and this final show of the local amateur season will culminate an immensely successful year for followers of the art.

In view of the tremendous interest shown by boxing enthusiasts in the recent clash between Henry Wong and Jones of Army for the Colony Lightweight title, which was won by the latter on a close decision, the possibility of a return engagement between these two fine boxers is being eagerly awaited.

## COLONY FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Sgt. Day (facing camera) versus Chan Sion in the Colony Fencing Championship at the European YMCA on Saturday night.

## MEET MISS NORTH! THE GIRL GROOMED AS MONROE'S SUCCESSOR

By MICHAEL RUDDY

"Miss North, what..." I began. The slim blonde, blessed with lovely legs, contoured curves and a provocative smile, stopped me.

"Call me Sherree. That Miss North stuff is too formal, not for me," she said. "What's more, you gas me. You're real cool. So the Miss-North-line isn't for you."

It was noon, Sunday morning, and sunshine flooded the terrace, gilding pelargoniums in white and blue pots and warming the old brick paving. I'd called on Sherree North at the pleasant home she has leased for 18 months from Mrs Tom Moore, widow of the actor.

On an electric warming table were coffee, rye, brown and white toast, scrambled eggs and crisp bacon. Beside me was a wooden basin of sweet butter and marmalade, grapefruit, and a bowl of oranges and apples.

"I like the simple life and on Sunday mornings, I relax," said Sherree. She wore red sandals, white linen slacks, and a pale blue linen blouse. In contrast her voice is low and husky and her laugh reminds me of Marlene Dietrich.

"Help yourself, won't you? If you are very British, I have Darjeeling tea for you. If you are with me, how's about some coffee?"

**STRICTLY CINDERELLA.** To lean on a tired old cliché, the Sherree North story is strictly Cinderella and the past year of her life (she thinks) has been strictly crazy.

A year ago, after a series of tests which continued for a fortnight, she was signed to a long-term contract by Twentieth Century Fox Studios. What got her the tests? Her success in the title role of "Hazel Flagg" on Broadway and two television shows PLUS Marilyn Monroe's marrying Joe Di Maggio, leaving Hollywood and starting with Ethel Merman and Frank Sinatra in "Anything Goes" on television.

"I used to help my boy friends park cars in church parking lots on Sunday and at Ciro's on Saturday nights. Oh, once I parked Robert Taylor's Cadillac. Big thrill. What did I get for this? A dollar and all the hamburgers I could eat," she said.

At 15½, making her own way and her own decisions, she married Fred Beasire, 25, an engineering draftsman. They separated two years later. She filed for a divorce several times but he blocked it. In September 1952, he finally agreed to divorce and she gave him all their community property.

"It left me almost flat, but it was worth it. I have my daughter, Dawn, and I can give her what I never had—a good home, good schooling, and affection," she added.

**BREAK ON BROADWAY.** Her break on Broadway came through choreographer and dance director Bob Alton. And he has directed her in "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

"He's a wonderful man, understands me and that's important in timing and routines." She ate steadily for ten minutes.

"Pretty good, huh? Was I on edge before starting the picture—I took non-anxiety pills every day to calm me down."

"What's next on my programme? Two weeks at home, painting. I mean, painting like Winston Churchill. He's got some very wild ideas (Wooden ideas) I've read his book on painting a dozen times. He sends me. Then we do 'Pink Tights' with Dan Dailey, there's a dancer—Virginia Mayo and Tommy Noonan."

"And I'm investing in annuities. Security, I hope. Who knows? You do your best and take what comes."

Sherree, 23, was born Dawn Bethel on Melrose Avenue, Hollywood, not far from Paramount Studios.

**DEPRESSION BABY.** She was a depression baby and although her mother made a fair living as a pearl appraiser and stringer for a firm of cultured pearl importers, there was little to spare. Sherree's parents were divorced shortly before she was born. At the tender age of three Sherree wanted to dance. Not until she was six could her mother afford lessons for her and then Mrs Bethel made a deal with the Famous Studios where Alexis Smith,

Applicants for such private accommodation during the Games are being asked to state their occupations and whether their religion calls for a special diet. Officials in charge emphasise, however, information is optional. "This is not an inquisition, but merely an effort to ensure the visitors' comfort in suitable homes," explained one official.

Thus far more than 5,000 beds have been offered and fresh offers roll in at the rate of nearly 100 a day. Officials investigate each private offer to safeguard against any disappointment for visitors who take them up.—United Press.

**PRESENT ATTITUDE.** The case of an influential Melbourne businessman who rang the accommodation chief illustrates the present attitude of the Australian individual.

The businessman, who asked to remain anonymous, personally called Mr Chipp to offer accommodation for four Olympic visitors at his luxurious home. He set one condition: they MUST be Asian, Negro, or from the Middle East.

His reason: "I'll be indebted forever to the Fuzzy-Quizzes (nicknamed Aussie soldiers gave to the islanders of New Guinea because of their 'fuzzy hair'). They helped me in New Guinea during the war, and it's about time we Australians made people like them feel like human beings."

Some Melbourne citizens offered to provide free accommodation for overseas visitors during the Games. But the organisers replied that this would embarrass the visitors and put them under an obligation. Instead the hosts should collect the fees and then give the money to their favourite charities.

Officials have graded offers of private accommodation into two sections. The charge will be fixed at 25 shillings daily for bed and breakfast in nicely furnished homes with several outdoor toilets. For homes with outdoor toilets, the rate will be set at one pound.

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Reuben Lynn (foreground) versus Y. H. Lee—China Mail Photos.

## 1956 OLYMPIC GAMES

## Melbourne Citizens Rally To House Asian And Negro Visitors

Asian and Negro competitors and visitors to the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne need have no fear that the so-called "White Australia" policy will make them less welcome, according to Olympic officials here.

On the contrary, many of the Melbourne citizens who volunteered private accommodation for Games visitors next year specified their desire to put up Asians—some naming Japanese as their special preference.

The Games Organising Committee asked the citizens of Melbourne to open their homes for up to 30,000 Olympic guests expected to overflow existing hotel and guest house accommodation. The enthusiastic response to the special appeal assured the special accommodation committee that all needs would be met.

Olympic officials are particularly pleased with preference for Asian guests. Most of the people offering to house them during the Games told Don Chipp, the Accommodation Committee's organising executive, that they thought the Games should be used to the full to foster friendship with Asian people.

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### Yacht Racing Results

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailing results on Saturday were:

(Tide L. W. 17.15 hrs Wind: SW variable)

#### Dragon Class

Course: Line E to W—No. 11 (S)—Chanel Rock (P)—Kowloon Rocks (P)—B4 (S)—Cust Rock (P)—Rumsey Rock Buoy (P)—Line E to W.

1. La Linda (Hyde-Smith) 18. 37. 05  
2. Chough (Ingham) 18. 43. 12  
3. Ecstasy (Hook) 18. 53. 38  
4. Vanessa (Sedgwick) 18. 55. 40  
5. Roostall (Stock) 17. 01. 50  
6. Bunyip (Darby) 17. 03. 30  
7. Spry (Congreve) 17. 07. 30  
8. Veronica (Shlee) 17. 33. 33

#### Star Class

Course: Line E to W—No. 5 (S)—Port Health (S)—Line E to W—B4 (S)—Rumsey (S)—B1 (S)—Line E to W.

1. Mears (No. 6) 18. 29. 25  
2. Hurdin (No. 3) 18. 33. 30  
3. Dallen (No. 1) 18. 38. 30  
4. Brereton (No. 4) 18. 43. 45  
5. Reeves (No. 5) 18. 59. 10

#### RNSA Dinghies

Course: Line E to W—No. 1 (S)—Cust Rock (S)—B1 (S)—Line E to W (2 laps).

1. Duffy (794)  
2. Molyneux (6)  
3. Bowman (1)  
4. Daniels (4)  
5. Watson (7)  
6. Bjork (5)  
7. Amis (8)  
8. Leroux (12) — Retired.

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### Sports Diary

#### TODAY

Stanley Shield 7-a-side knockout tournament Club ground, the first match commencing at 8 p.m.

#### TOMORROW

Stanley Shield 7-a-side knockout tournament. Golf. Football Open 4-a-side tournament semi-finals.

#### WEDNESDAY

Senior Champions v the Rest at Club 8.30 p.m.  
Junior Champions v Rest at 7 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Victory Shield Final: Combined Chinese v Combined Services (CHI) 8.30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Stanley Shield 7-a-side knockout tournament Club ground commencing 8 p.m.









## Geothermal Steam Development

Auckland, May 8. World interest has been aroused in plans to use New Zealand's geothermal steam to produce heavy water for Britain's atomic developments and electricity.

Important as the heavy water project is to the British Commonwealth and the free world, New Zealanders, especially North Islanders, are more interested in the electricity side of the scheme. This is because the North Island's power supply will be short of the demand by 1958.

Development of water resources in the island, which has the bulk of the country's population and manufacturing industries, has fallen behind schedule mainly because of labour shortages.

North Islanders have viewed geothermal steam as providing an assured source of power to meet long-term needs. But a statement by Dr. W. M. Hamilton, head of the Government Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, has caused surprise and apprehension.

### NOT ENOUGH

Dr. Hamilton said that geothermal energy cannot provide enough power to meet the long-term requirements of the North Island unless generation greatly exceeds present estimates.

The scientist estimated the total known geothermal steam potential at Wairakei, site of the combined heavy water and electricity project of the British and New Zealand Governments, as only 154,600 kilowatts—sufficient to take care of only one year's rise in consumption. (The initial power plants at Wairakei will produce 40,000 kilowatts.)

Dr. Hamilton said power potential from other geothermal sources was expected to total 475,000 kilowatts. He did not include the world-famous thermal resorts of Rotorua and Whakarewarewa, in this reckoning because of their value as tourist attractions.

Dr. Hamilton believes that the full use of Wairakei steam will almost certainly cause all surface thermal activity to cease, as it had at Lardarello, Italy.

The scientist said that it was possible that more steam would be found at Wairakei deeper down than the 2,000 feet wells already bored. Eventually New Zealand must look to coal-burning generating stations, nuclear power or other sources to meet the rapidly-increasing demand for electricity, which on past experience doubles in less than 10 years.

### ALTERNATIVE

Dr. Hamilton said that full use of geothermal power as an alternative to coal-fired generating stations might well mean a saving of \$5,000,000 a year. "It represents a resource of high potential value. We should continue to explore its possibilities resolutely and boldly," he added.

The Minister in charge of the State Hydro-Electricity Department, Mr. Stanley Gosman, said, however, that Dr. Hamilton's conclusions were only surmise. Mr. Gosman added: "We did not know anything until we put down the Wairakei bore and we put down bore. We shall know what we can get. I have every intention of keeping on putting them down."

Dr. Hamilton's statement and the report by the Minister drew an editorial demand from the Auckland Star for a "fully factual public statement as to the Government's long-term policy" on power.

The editorial also called for the release of a report by Mr. J. H. Landon, a British expert, on proposals to build a coal steam station. This report has been in the Minister's hands for two years. The New Zealand Associated Chambers of Commerce is also pressing for publication of the report.

### MAXIMUM USE

The North Island is rapidly approaching maximum use of its water resources for power production. Apart from one or two small hydro plants and two obsolete coal generating stations, most of the island's power comes from the Waitakere River.

The South Island is in a much hopper-position. It has had its share of power restrictions but can look forward to a period of plenty as its great 320,000 kilowatt Roxburgh project on the Clutha River is pushed to completion. This island has immense water reserves in its lakes and rivers.

North Island people hope that Dr. Hamilton's estimate of geothermal power resources is the result of scientific caution and that much more power will be forthcoming from the bore which Mr. Gosman will keep on putting down—China Mail Special.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET REVIEW

By Elmer Walzer

New York, May 8.

Trading lightened substantially on the New York Stock Exchange during the past week as market operators turned more cautious.

Industrials eased as it as did utilities while rails gained. A week ago all the major groups made small net gains.

There was a tendency to seek out issues believed behind the market—issues which did not participate to the full when the market was making new highs a short time back.

### ZENITH SENSATIONAL

Zenith was a sensational performer in the television group. Radio Corp. ran up to a new high when its Chairman reported record first quarter earnings.

The Chairman, Brig-Gen. David Sarnoff, said that 500 color sets may be available in a year or two. RCA presently is making color sets in 21-inch models now to sell as low as \$795.

Stocks were strong from time to time as the steel industry moved its operations up to record levels.

Automobile issues were firm from time to time as Chrysler reported best earnings on record for a first quarter. Chrysler declared a 75-cent dividend, unchanged from the previous three quarters.

The cement issues were strong spots on hopes for big orders in the nation's road building programme. Several of the issues in such groups as building, tyre, mercantile, oil, glass and metal were bid up.

### SEVERAL RECORDS

Business held high with several setting records besides steel. Building cement and more ahead. Electricity output inside its best showing in four weeks.

Automobile output declined but through no fault of the buying public. Hot weather which caused absenteeism of employees did the trick.

Soft coal production held steady. Crude oil output gained. So did gasoline production, although gasoline inventories declined as more people took to the road. Retail trade rose to a level two to six per cent above a year ago.

Among the new highs for the year and longer were such issues as St. Paul preferred, Rock Island, Chesapeake and Ohio, American Broadcasting, Paramount, Echnut, Packing, California Packing, Joy Manufacturing, Monsanto, Motrola, National Department Stores, Reynolds Tobacco B, and Textron.

Columbia Pictures featured the amusements by rising more than 2 points. Motors firmed.

### CLOSING PRICES

Closing prices included: Rails—Santa Fe \$148, up 1/4; Baltimore & Ohio \$46 1/2, up 1/4; Rock Island \$101, up 1/4; Deven & Rio Grande \$122 1/2, up 2 1/2; Southern Pacific \$81 1/2, up 1/4; Union Pacific \$172, up 1 1/2; Missouri-Kansas-Texas \$14 1/2, up 1/4; its preferred \$8 3/4, up 1/4.

Steels—Bethlehem \$134, up 1/4; Lukens \$40 3/4, up 1/4; Mid-Continent \$110 1/2, up 1/4; Pacific Western \$41 1/2, up 1/4; Deep Rock \$89 3/4, up 1/4; Lion \$49, up 1/4.

Electronics—Zenith \$129 1/2, up 1/4; Syvahlia Convertible preferred \$130, up 1/4; Motorola \$53 1/4, up 1/4; Papers—Minnesota & Ontario \$62 3/4, up 3/4; International Paper \$101 1/4, off 1/4; Oxford \$43 1/2, up 1/4.

Chemicals—Allied \$98, off 1/4; Monsanto \$131 1/4, up 1/4; Dow Jones closing stock averages: 30 industrials \$228 1/2, up 1/4; and 65 stocks \$150 1/4, up 1/4.

Sales on Friday approximated 2,250,000 shares, compared with 2,270,000 the previous session.—United Press.

# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## ONE SWALLOW DOES NOT MAKE A

## SUMMER But April's Gold And Dollar Figures Promise Bright Spring

From Our Own Correspondent

London, May 8.

To build up hopes of a new high tide of prosperity on the strength of one month's gold and dollar figures would be as rash as welcoming an English summer on the appearance of the first swallow. In both cases optimism should be tempered with caution.

But if there is little sign of high summer in April gold and dollar figures at least they should hold promise of a fine spring.

Two important factors helped the gold and dollar figures last month: seasonal influences swung back in the sterling area's favour and measures taken by the British Government in defence of sterling began to bear fruit.

These factors helped the area to build up a surplus of \$60 million in its trade with Western Europe in April—which will give a \$30 million glow to the reserves this month—and to reduce its deficit with North America.

### ENCOURAGING

This is encouraging in itself—only because it shows that the worst of the immediate balance of payments crisis is now over. But the important question is: Where do we go from here?

The answer depends very largely on what happens in the United States. Recent events have discounted the popular notion that when the United States sneezes the rest of the world catches pneumonia; but there can be no denying that when American economy is fighting fit the outside world feels a whole lot better.

Happily the signs are that the United States is in the middle of a boom that will carry it to unexpected peaks of prosperity. Its output of goods in the first three months of this year was back to the record level of the third quarter of 1953. Industrial production

is almost back to its 1953 high; consumer spending goes on breaking records; and construction activity is the highest in the country's history.

The American recovery owes nothing to Government action; it was solely due to a chain reaction of confidence. Between the summer of 1954 and the opening months of 1955, says the latest monthly review of the First National City Bank of New York, consumers boosted their rate of spending on goods and services by more than seven billion dollars. They increased their purchases of new homes by two billion dollars. As a result of the increase in sales and output businesses stopped cutting back their inventories, thus increasing their rate of spending by nearly five billion dollars.

### ACCOUNTS FOR ALL

Together, says the Bank, these changes were enough to account for the entire upswing. In the same period business investment and Government spending were substantially unchanged and were therefore largely neutral influences.

With the recovery to the previous peaks accomplished the problem now is to achieve long-term self-sustaining growth. The fact that automobile sales are breaking records, says the Bank, does not remove the probability that passenger car production in the second half of 1955 will fall 30 or 40 per cent below the present rate of \$3 1/2 million. The steel industry is operating only a shade below the all-time record and the possibilities of further increases in the short run are strictly limited. And a continuation of the past year's home building is regarded as "practically impossible."

### OTHER FACTORS

These, the Bank believes, are the indications of a levelling out of the upswing and in some lines of a decline in operations some time in the summer months. But by then other factors are expected to be operating to keep American economy on top form.

The soundest impetus for autumn business, says the Bank, may come from the recent improvement in demand for capital investment equipment. Business investment in new plant and equipment appears to have touched bottom in the first quarter of this year; but earlier estimates of the amount of capital investment, businessmen would undertake this year have now been drastically revised and capital spending is now expected to increase by five per cent over 1954. Previously it had been expected to fall.

"In addition," the Bank continues, "heavy business investment, already tentatively scheduled for 1955-56, promises well for the long-term stretch of high-level capital goods production and industrial and commercial construction."

This is heartening news "not only because an area of weakness in American economy is turning into a source of strength but also because the attitude of businessmen towards new investment is a good indicator of underlying confidence."

### UNEMPLOYED

Meanwhile recovery of the American economy has made substantial inroads on the number of unemployed. At first the increase in production went ahead faster than the rise in employment but the point has now been reached where employers are having to rehire labour in order to get higher output.

There are still 3,200,000 unemployed in America today; but those who are getting "a more secure" and "taking home more pay."

"An average American factory worker gets \$75.20 (about £27) a week. Those who work for General Motors take home each week no less than \$105.70 (£27)."

But the American worker is not without his worries. He is haunted by a bogeyman labelled "automation." Technological progress is causing him to lose ground in man-machine ratio or modern factory production.

The First National City Bank does not believe however that the American worker is in any danger of being superseded by machinery.

The trend, it says, has been under way in American industry for years—even for generations. The process of improving efficiency, stepping up production, creating mass markets by offering attractive, competitively-priced products, has been going on for a long time. It has created many millions of jobs both in manufacturing and in all other lines which benefit from an expanding economy.

### Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: Sterling notes (per £1) 15.80; Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 12.80; Siam dollar (per 100) 21.80; Singapore (Straits) 1.81; Indo-China plastics (per 100) 8.75.

## London Markets

## Lethargic Until Week's End

From Our Own Correspondent

London, May 8.

The London Stock Exchange showed little inclination to throw off its pre-election lethargy until Friday of last week when a spate of good company results injected a little life into the industrial share market.

On Monday, despite the removal of the rail strike threat, gilt-edged lost up to 12s. 6d. They steadied the next day on a rise in the gold and dollar reserves but further selling in a quiet market caused fresh losses of up to 10s. on Wednesday.

Conditions were still quiet on the last two days of the week but cessation of selling and the reappearance of small buyers put prices fractionally up.

The Financial Times index of Government securities stood at 96.05 at Thursday's close compared with 97.14 a week earlier.

Conditions were quiet in the industrial share market for the first four days of the week with what little demand there was concentrated on shares of companies who had made or were expected to make dividend announcements.

### PLUS SIGNS

The reappearance of plus signs on Friday was mainly due to excellent results published by three leading companies: Dunlop, Wiggins Teape and Guest Keen and Nettlefolds.

They joined other "stars" of the industrial world who had announced bigger profits earlier in the week. Among them were Unilevers, Albert Reed, Bristol Aeroplane, Boots Pure Drug.

All shares concerned, with the exception of Dunlop, showed gains on the week. Here is how they fared: Wiggins Teape up 3s. 9d. to 63s. 3d.; Guest Keen up 1s. 6d. to 78s. 3d.; Unilevers up 7 1/2d. to 80s. 1 1/2d.

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## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$290,296.80. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were as follows:

### SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

|               |        |       |        |
|---------------|--------|-------|--------|
| HSK Bank      | 1555   | 10    | 1560   |
| HSK           |        | 10    | 1560   |
| East Asia     | 212    | 10    | 1560   |
| Union X All   | 900    | 500   | 51     |
| London        | 50     |       |        |
| SHIPPING      |        |       |        |
| Asia Nav      | 78c    | 6000  | 75c    |
| DOCKERS, ETC. |        |       |        |
| Provident (D) | 24.10  | 1500  | 12     |
| Wholesale     | 7.20   | 7.50  |        |
| LAND, ETC.    |        |       |        |
| HSK Land      | 17.20  |       |        |
| HSK           | 600    | 67    |        |
| Shamphay      | 2.05   | 2.10  |        |
| REALLY        |        |       |        |
| Utilities     |        |       |        |
| Star Ferry    | 130    | 134   |        |
| Yamail        | 108    | 108   | 300    |
| Light (D)     | 18.40  | 75    | 18.40  |
| Electric      | 14.40  | 14.70 | 130    |
| Telegraph     | 38 3/4 | 800   | 38 1/4 |
| INDUSTRIALS   |        |       |        |
| Cement        | 29     | 29.50 |        |
| ROPE          |        |       |        |
| STONES, ETC.  |        |       |        |
| Dairy         | 20.20  | 20.10 | 1100   |
| Watson        | 13     |       |        |
| SHIPBUILDING  |        |       |        |
| Yankee        | 8.20   | 8.00  | 4.95   |
| Allied        | 4.95   | 4.95  | 2000   |

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## U.S. RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, May 8.

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in-bales by New York Cotton Exchange for the 1954-55 season to May 3 were as follows:

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Britain               | 40,722    |
| Continents            | 1,420,468 |
| Orient                | 912,817   |
| Canada                | 28,844    |
| Total for period      | 2,862,851 |
| Same period last year | 2,779,770 |

—United Press.

## The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, May 8.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended April 23, reads as follows:

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total gold holding            | 201,231,501,426   |
| Total other currencies        | 11,706,657,752    |
| Sign in circulation           | 121,542,229,828   |
| Advanced to Govt.             | 198,000,000,000   |
| Bank note in circulation      | 2,944,114,861,130 |
| Current accounts and deposits | 139,863,553,873   |
| Total bills discounted        | 1,448,146,470,476 |

—United Press.

## Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, May 8.

The rubber market opened steady, on trade support with some fair turnover on Saturday, and closed slightly below the best. Future closings were:

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Best. Future closings were: |               |
| No. 1 rubber per lb.        | 90 1/2-90 3/4 |
| May                         | 90-90 1/4     |
| June                        | Unquote       |
| July                        | 88 1/2-88 3/4 |
| No. 2 rubber per lb.        | 87 1/2-87 3/4 |
| No. 3 rubber per lb.        | 84 1/2-85 1/4 |
| No. 4 rubber per lb.        | 90 1/2-90 3/4 |
| Spot rubber unbalckd        | 81-82         |
| Blanket crepe               | 93 1/2-94 1/4 |
| No. 1 pale crepe            | —United Press |



